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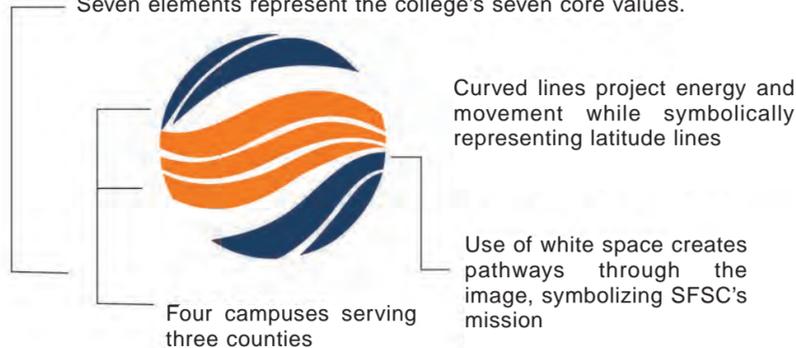
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New name, new look for college



What South Florida State College's logo represents

Seven elements represent the college's seven core values.



Courtesy illustrations

The design of the South Florida State College logo combines elements from the South Florida Junior College sun logo with the South Florida Community College globe logo. Prior to 1984, the college used the seal as its icon.

SFCC name change to South Florida State starts Sunday

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK — A handful of major changes have taken place over the course of a week at South Florida Community College, which has only a few days left of being called SFCC.

On June 21, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), at a meeting in Atlanta, Ga., approved the college as a baccalaureate degree granting-institution.

The college is now officially able to enroll and graduate students with a bachelor's degree in the areas of Applied Science (Supervision and Management) beginning in



'This is a significant milestone, on that we've worked hard to achieve.'

DR. NORM STEPHENS
college president

the fall.

"This is a significant milestone, one that we've worked hard to achieve. This is a great day for our college community and for all the

future students who will most certainly benefit from this educational opportunity," said Dr. Norman Stephens, the college's president.

More exciting news has taken the college community by force this week with the preparation of the name change from South Florida Community College to South Florida State College. As of Sunday, the name change will go in affect along with a few other changes.

The board unanimously approved and adopted the name change Wednesday night.

"We are excited to begin this new step," said

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Helms asks for 2.5 hours to present case

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — A County Commission vote of 2-1 on Tuesday kept the termination schedule of County Administrator Ricky Helms on track for the July 3 meeting.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart read a prepared motion that would allow Board Chairman Jack Richie to participate via telephone in case he

could not make the July 3 meeting.

The motion was to allow Richie to participate in the discussion and vote to terminate while he stayed at his wife's bedside while she battled with cancer. Richie's wife, Maurine, died Tuesday night pressures.

Commissioner Don Elwell, acting



Helms

as chair in Richie's absence, was the dissenting vote and made it clear he wanted all commissioners present for the discussion.

Stewart pressed her arguments for the motion, stressing her concern for budget

"Time is of the essence," Stewart

"The end is still the same. Time is of the essence, I don't understand that argument," Elwell said.

Elwell again stated that he was willing to postpone the Helms discussion until every commissioner was present and could participate.

Helms asked for 2.5 hours at the next meeting for his hearing and pres-

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Sheriff: APPD takeover would be 'win-win'

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AVON PARK — At the request of the council during its regular meeting June 11, city manager Julian Deleon approached Sheriff Susan Benton for a proposal to provide law enforcement services for the city.

On Monday, the sheriff submitted that proposal.

Before listing the advantages she felt contracting

with HCSO would offer, she said she was committed to "ensuring those members of the Avon Park Police Department, who wish to continue to serve our community, will be given first opportunity to become a member of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office."

She then listed the advantages.

The sheriff's office and

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Avon Park Police Department officer Orlando Esquibel patrols along Main Street on Thursday morning in Avon Park. Officer Esquibel said he is concerned about losing his job if the sheriff takes over APPD.

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Fly like an eagle

Despite an intrinsic fear of flying, Pfc. Brandon Goodine volunteered at age 18 to become a U.S. Army paratrooper.

"The first time he was on a plane was to jump off it," the soldier's mother, Mandy Watson, often says.

As I drove down a rural Georgia highway on June 18, the classic Steve Miller Band song "Fly Like An Eagle" started playing on my car radio. But despite the soothing music and bright sunshine, this wasn't just another hot summer morning in McDonough, Ga.

Less than a mile from my destination, I encountered a stark reminder of the day's importance that commanded every motorist's attention.

Surrounded by blue flashing lights, American flags, and Patriot Guard Riders on motorcycles, a hearse carrying the flag-draped casket of Pfc. Goodine made a slow right turn. As the procession reached the church, soldiers greeted the fallen warrior's coffin with salutes, while onlookers stood with their hands on their hearts.

As I walked into the small Baptist church, one of two banners hanging above Goodine's flag-draped casket stood out. On it was a majestic bald eagle, along with "God Bless America."

The first speaker, U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Pat Donohue, told the grieving audience about four qualities that made Goodine, 20, a great 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper.

"He was fearless. He was fearless. And he was a friend," Donohue said, later adding that the fourth quality was the soldier's authentic love for his family.

Goodine and fellow paratroopers in the 4th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment showed extraordinary bravery, the General said, by confronting terrorists in the Maiwand District of Afghanistan's Kandahar province on June 7.

"Everyone in Brandon's unit knew it was a dangerous place when they learned of their mission," he said.

After Goodine was severely wounded by an improvised explosive device, his fellow soldiers made a heroic attempt to carry him off the battlefield.

Tragically, a second improvised explosive device then detonated, robbing one paratrooper of his legs and leaving another, Staff Sgt. Andrew Mills, the subject of a recent column, badly injured.

According to the General, Goodine died a few moments later on a helicopter.

"Despite the dead and wounded, they pressed forward," Donohue said of



U.S. Army Pfc. Brandon Goodine, 20, of Luthersville, Ga., was killed in Afghanistan's Kandahar Province on June 7. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Army.



Goodine's valiant brothers in arms.

The General said he recently corresponded with the brigade commander, who stressed that the tremendous sacrifices made that day helped secure a crucial area near the Arghandab River.

"I can't believe the progress since that operation," Donohue quoted the brigade commander as writing in an email. "They made a difference."

As the General's address concluded and Toby Keith's "American Soldier" began to play, I looked to my right and saw a burly, tough-looking young man overcome by pain.

With his head pressed against his knees, he was crying uncontrollably. Even though Afghanistan is thousands of miles from our shores, the ongoing war affects ordinary Americans every single day.

A subsequent speaker, Rev. T.J. Boyd, explained that before becoming a soldier, young Brandon, who was living in Luthersville, Ga., was headed down the potentially destructive path of a

troubled teenager. Recognizing imminent danger, he decided to change his life.

"A lot of people say folks from Luthersville can't amount to anything," the pastor said, looking directly at the soldier's grieving parents. "I beg to differ. Your son became a hero."

One of the service's most touching moments came when Rev. Boyd spoke to the soldier's three-year-old daughter, Katy.

"He stepped up and showed everyone he was a good daddy," the pastor said.

Even though Goodine wasn't old enough to buy a beer, his resolve to fight was so persistent that it took not one, but two powerful enemy bombs to end his life.

The terrorists ultimately lost the battle of June 7. They also failed to kill Goodine's spirit, which lives on through his family, fellow troops, and an entire community of heroes.

While soldiers carried Goodine's casket out of the church, I looked at the cover of the funeral program, which shows a bald eagle gliding above snow-covered mountains.

As a boy, Pfc. Brandon Goodine was afraid to fly. As a young man, he sacrificed his life so others could be free. Today, he soars like an eagle through the skies of heaven.

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County to get estimates for HCSO evidence facility upgrade

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING

Commissioners voted 3-0 to get solid estimates on a new property and evidence facility and jail renovations for the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, which will be on Kenilworth Boulevard in Sebring.

According to Sheriff Susan Benton, the proposed Kenilworth site already has much of the permitting and utilities, which makes it a good choice for a new building, and construction would come in "much lower" than the \$2.7 million estimate presented to the commission Tuesday.

The proposed evidence building will be on the same grounds that currently houses current evidence storage and cars and could take up to three years to complete, Benton explained.

County Project Manager Chris Benson explained that the new evidence building was top priority for the daily functions of the Sheriff's Office to meet "immediate needs."

Benson also explained a complete 32,000 square-foot law enforcement facility, approved by the commission earlier in the year if it could be built under \$5 million, would "create significant financial constraints" on the county budget.

The county will use the current infrastructure tax to construct the building, according to Benson, but the income from that one-cent tax is not enough to fund the proposed \$10 million facility.

The tax sunsets in 2019. "We know exactly what we need," Sheriff Benton said. "I can almost guarantee

you that we will not need an entire \$2.7 million."

"There is no way possible to build for the existing needs today for the dollars available," said Sheriff Benton said about a new all-inclusive building.

"We had to backup and reassess what our immediate needs were for the dollars available," Benton said.

Commissioner Don Elwell, not happy with the \$2.7 million guess, asked that Benson come back with more accurate numbers on the capital plan for the entire project as well as take a new

look at the Bank of America Building in Sebring, which has been reduced in cost from over \$2 million to \$695,000.

Elwell also showed concern about the statement of just spending the \$2.7 million now and still looking at a new facility on county property on George Boulevard at the \$10 million price tag.

"We are going to nickel and dime our way back to that number. I want to make sure that we build property and evidence at the lowest cost possible," Elwell said.

"I don't have a problem with moving forward with a evidence building, but I do have a problem moving forward without seeing the other half of this," Elwell said about the proposed renovations to the jail, which are included in the proposal.

Benton assured the commission that the renovations at the current jail were very minimal and the new building should not get "close to the \$2.7 million."

Benton promised to return to the board to present an estimate as well as updates to the capital improvement plan for approval in time for budget season.

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SHERIFF SUSAN BENTON

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

District extends water restrictions

While tropical storm Debby provided increased rainfall to the region, it was not enough to fully recover from drought conditions.

That's why the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board voted Tuesday to extend its Modified Phase I water shortage order for the district's southern and eastern portions.

Modified Phase I restrictions were extended until Dec. 31 for Highlands, Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Manatee, Polk and Sarasota counties.

Counties currently under the Phase I order follow the district's year-round water conservation measures. That means lawn and landscape watering is limited to a two-day-per-week schedule and residents may only water before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

However, some local governments, such as Sarasota County, have stricter local ordinances limiting watering to one day per week. Residents should check with their local government or utility.

While the southern region did see rainfall from Tropical Storm Debby, key hydrologic indicators remain below normal in the region

due to long-term drought effects. The region needs above-normal precipitation throughout the rainy season for the area to totally recover from drought conditions.

"The district looks at an eight-week average to evaluate recovery instead of one weather event," said Lois Sorensen, district demand management program manager.

For additional information, please contact your local utility or visit the district's website at WaterMatters.org/restrictions/.

CCC Museum seeks local volunteers

SEBRING – The CCC Museum at Highlands Hammock State Park is seeking local volunteers for Saturdays and Sundays. Volunteer shifts are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1-5 p.m. No experience is needed; training will be provided.

Volunteers greet the public, answer questions, operate TV/DVD player, sell merchandise and otherwise assist visitors. Energetic volunteers may even offer tours of the exhibits if they so desire. Light cleaning is also helpful.

Shifts are on a voluntary basis, offering great flexibility for those who travel frequently, are seasonal or who

want to volunteer when it's convenient for their schedules.

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Design next year's Caladium poster, T-shirt

LAKE PLACID — The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce invites the public to participate in the "Caladium Festival Art Competition". Artwork is to be brought to Caladium Arts and Crafts Co-Op, 132 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid.

Dates to deliver artwork to Co-op are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Aug. 20-22.

Contest rules are at www.visitlakeplacidflorida.com.

YMCA looking for used cars, boats

SEBRING — Got a car or boat and not sure what to do with it? How about donating it to the Highlands County Family YMCA.

The proceeds from the sale will help teach underprivileged children in the community learn how to swim or participate in soccer, basketball, gymnastics, cheerleading, etc. The YMCA is a 5013C Program, so donations will be tax deductible. Call 382-9622

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Fire, police pension debate looms over Sebring budget

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Pension outcomes will be the major point of focus regarding the city's tentative budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Sebring council met with each city department during the city's budget workshop Wednesday evening, but were bombarded with "maybes" and "if's" when it came to a handful of items trying to find their way onto the budget.

Three items — city bonuses and/or stimulus, a proposed millage decrease and a transfer from the enterprise fund — all hang in limbo and depend on the pending outcome of the fire and police departments pension fund bargaining.

"There is a huge unknown with the pension funds ... I'm scared to death of these pension numbers," councilman John Clark said.

Although the pension is one big potential problem for the city, Finance Director Mike Eastman is OK with the tentative budget.

"We're operating on a fund less than \$8 million; that's pretty good," Eastman said.

Sebring's current fund balance sits at \$5,639,633. Those funds are unassigned or available for use.

The city has budgeted a total of just more than \$9.1 million for the 2012/2013 year; an increase of \$601,000 from the estimated actual total for the 2011/2012 year (\$8.8 million).

A large portion of the tentative budget, as always, is the fire and police departments. The budgeted amount for the Sebring Police Department for the upcoming year is \$3,242,612, an increase of just more than \$100,000. SPD has budgeted additional funds for the purchase of two police vehicles (including graphics, installation of video, gun rack, etc.) and equipment upgrades for the department's generator.

The Sebring Fire Department has budgeted \$2,279,306, up nearly \$347,000 from the current fiscal year's estimated actual budget.

Fire Chief Brad Batz explained the budget increase was due to costly overtime dollars, which have been added to next year's budget, as well as the purchase of a new fire engine. The fire engine purchase is expected to cost around \$255,000, which the

department has budgeted for.

Other additions to the budget include education and training costs and scuba gear.

"This (scuba gear) is something I wouldn't support at this time," Clark said.

Councilmen Scott Stanley echoed Clark's statement.

"I don't think that it is imperative. It's not something that we should rush out and support," Stanley said.

The fire budget discussion then became less than pleasant when the topic of funds for additional employees was brought to the table.

Batz requested budgeted funds to be used for four additional, unfilled part-time firefighter positions.

"They're being run into the ground," Batz said regarding the current staff.

The part-time positions would allow current staff the ability to work normal hours without having the department rake in a multitude of overtime dollars.

"There's so many other things that are going to be discussed. There should be no discussion at this point of any changes in the budget for wages when we are currently under collective bargaining negotiations. What comes of that will come of that ... The firefighters have chosen to do their wage requests under

collective bargaining, then you don't get a second dip at the well by coming here and getting this and probably getting more later in the collective bargaining. It's one or the other. We shouldn't be discussing this any further tonight while it's under collective bargaining. Take it off the budget," Stanley said.

Council members continued discussions following the fire department's review and found little to no issues with other departments. Council members Clark and Andrew Fells commended Public Works Director Ken Fields on the cut backs in his department. Fields has managed to save approximately \$14,000 within his first year as director.

City officials also discussed cutting back on grants and aids to local organizations including the Highlands County Boys and Girls Club, Children's Museum of Highlands and the Highlands County Family SafeHouse pending the fire and police pension outcomes.

Cops' widows sue sheriff

TAMPA (AP) — The widows of two slain Tampa Police officers have filed a wrongful death suit against Jacksonville Sheriff John Rutherford for damages in excess of \$15,000.

The two women say the negligence of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office "substantially contributed" to their husbands' deaths. Officials say the officers had stopped a car

driven by Dontae Morris' girlfriend on a traffic violation but were questioning Morris, who was in the passenger seat, about three active worthless checks warrants from Jacksonville. Police say as the officers tried to arrest Morris on the warrants, Morris shot them.

The lawsuit says authorities determined Morris was in prison when the bad checks were written.



Judge Anthony Ritenour congratulates Tim Landers (left) and Christal Page for completing the Behavioral Health Deferred Prosecution Program.



Courtesy photos

New Deferred Prosecution Program has first graduates

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Highlands County Sheriff Susan Benton is pleased to congratulate the first two graduates of the Behavioral Health Deferred Prosecution Program. Christal Page and Tim Landers received their certificates of completion from Judge Anthony Ritenour earlier this month.

The Behavioral Health Deferred Prosecution Program has been in place since May of 2011. It is a cooperative effort between the Highlands County Sheriff's Office and the State's Attorney's Office to provide rehabilitation and stability for non-violent offenders who suffer from mental illness or co-occurring disorders.

The SAO evaluates all referrals from the HCSO based on offender history and charges that will be accepted in the program. Participants are offered treatment-based sentencing alternatives that utilize judicial oversight and appropriate community-based treatment plans instead of incarceration.

At the successful completion of the

program their charges are dismissed. There are 15 people enrolled in the program at this time. Participants are not in jail. They are on participating in the program, have been released on their own recognizance, are on pre-trial release or out on bail.

This is not a "get out of jail free" card. Program participants must call in every day, Monday through Friday, to program coordinators Dorothy Reed or George Ridenour.

Every Tuesday, they must attend behavioral health aftercare at Highlands Community Church in Sebring. They must attend every meeting and be on time.

The last Thursday of every month they must appear before the Behavioral Health Program Committee consisting of Reed, a mental health counselor, a counselor from Tri County and Mell Williams, JASA program specialist.

Random drug screens and breathal-

er tests may be done at meetings or by call in. If called in, participants have one hour in which to take the test.

There are other special requirements as well, depending upon the individual situation. For example, youthful offenders may have a curfew. Participants may be assigned to Alcoholics or Narcotics Anonymous programs. No enrollees may hang out with people who are addicts or at places that serve alcohol.

Generally, the program duration is one year however some exceptions are allowed in special cases.

"Diverting these offenders from our jails and into more appropriate community-based mental health treatment is vital," Benton said.

"I am so proud of the hard work of these two, this is not a walk in the park for folks who suffer mental illness".

For more information on the Behavioral Health Deferred Prosecution Program please contact Reed at 863-402-7315.



Benton

Campbell: 5 potential ineligible voters identified in Highlands

Judge rules voter purge can proceed

News-Sun/Associated Press

A judge on Wednesday rejected a request by federal authorities to block Florida's contentious move to remove potentially ineligible voters from its rolls.

The decision could prompt some counties to revive efforts to identify registered voters who are not U.S. citizens. Many counties had suspended the effort after hearing about conflicting legal opinions.

Highlands County supervisor of elections Joe Campbell said Thursday that the county has been in a holding pattern while the case proceeded through the courts.

He had received a list from the state of five registered voters, he said, who may not in fact be eligible to vote.

Because there is 30-day period during which a challenged voter may ask for a hearing or present documentation to the elections office proving citizenship, Campbell had already sent letters out to all five individuals to give them an opportunity to reply.

Campbell said the situation is still in flux. The federal government might appeal the decision or the two major political parties file separate suits.

"I might get an e-mail an hour from now putting us back into a semi-holding pattern," he said.

In the meantime, "I won't take anyone off the rolls until I am 100 percent sure they are not eligible."

For example, he said, one of the five individuals turned out to have been born in Puerto Rico, which means he is a U.S. citizen.

U.S. District Judge Robert

Hinkle ruled there was nothing in federal voting laws that prevent the state from identifying ineligible voters even if it is close to the upcoming Aug. 14 election.

The U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit earlier this month to halt the purge, saying federal voting laws barred the effort since it was within 90 days of a federal election. U.S. officials also said the list used by Florida had "critical imperfections, which lead to errors that harm and confuse voters."

Hinkle in ruling from the bench said federal laws are designed to block states from removing eligible voters close to an election. He said they are not designed to block voters who should have never been allowed to cast ballots in the first place.

A U.S. Department of Justice official said that the department would review the written decision when it was issued and declined to say whether federal authorities planned to appeal the ruling.

Ron Labasky, the legal adviser for the association that represents county elec-

tion supervisors, sent out a memo late Wednesday telling supervisors if they have "sufficient documentation" that a person is not a U.S. citizen they can now remove them from the voting rolls.

Labasky said that Hinkle's ruling resolves the conflicting legal opinions.

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Beware politicians who keep reinventing the reasons why

One of the many problems gumming up Florida's crusade to "reform" voting procedures — first with the Legislature's approval of rules making it harder for some citizens to vote, then with Gov. Rick Scott's push to have thousands of names axed from the voter rolls — is that the politicians pushing these policies keep changing their story.

Namely: Why do the state's voting laws have to be rewritten?

That depends on whom you ask, and when.

When legislators were debating whether to 1) shrink the number of days for early voting, 2) make it tougher for groups like the League of Women Voters to register voters, and 3) complicate the process of changing one's

address on Election Day, they told citizens these changes were absolutely essential because voter fraud was poisoning every election. Dead people were voting. Cartoon characters were voting. Mischief-makers were stealing other people's names and addresses to cast ballots.

But supervisors of elections across Florida scoffed. They said rampant fraud just

wasn't happening.

So the reformers shifted gears.

The reforms were needed, they said, to prevent fraud that might occur sometime in the hazy future.

That made the reforms sound like a solution to a problem that doesn't exist.

So Gov. Rick Scott lately has been auditioning yet another explanation.

He told CNN's "John King, USA" on June 12 that noncitizens are "diluting" the votes cast by honest, law-abiding Americans.

"I can't sit here and allow noncitizens to dilute the vote of legitimate U.S. citizens," he said.

And he said it again and again. He used the words "dilute" and "diluted" six times during the interview.

Here's a good rule of thumb: Be skeptical of any politician who wants to make sweeping policy changes but keeps reinventing the reason why.

An editorial from the Northwest Florida Daily News.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

The taxpayers want to know

Editor:
I have a few questions I'd like answered for the Republican run-off.

Wally Cox, current superintendent, calls himself a master at financial managing of The School Board of Highlands County, but I have some information the voters need to consider when deciding who to vote for. You ever wonder why Wally Cox recommended cutting four paid vacation days from 12-month non-bargaining employees, while he takes more paid time off than anyone in the district? (Pep Hutchinson has proof of this information and he'll be sharing this soon). You ever wonder why Mr. Cox hired a former principal to help with with employee evaluations, and the part-time job paid \$80,000? (let's call that the good 'ole boy system).

You ever wonder why Wally Cox recommended that the School Board sign a contract with Alternatives Unlimited and handed over half-million dollars in funding, which raised Highlands' drop-out rate to the highest in the state of Florida? (Were Mrs. Howerton and Mr. Hancock party to this? This misuse of money might explain why employees haven't gotten a step or raise and negotiations with the teacher's union have repeatedly come to impasse.)

It floors me that Mr. (Ned) Hancock wants to worry with petty issues when the real issue is that he (and a few other school board members) keep approving the misuse of school (taxpayer) funds for Wally's lack of initiative and laziness. (No principal is allowed to pay someone to help with their evaluations. Why should Mr. Cox be given this privilege when teacher raises and school supplies are a bigger concern?)

Our county, its taxpayers, and those who want to make sure the best candidate wins ... want to know.

*Victoria "Vicki" Lynch
Sebring*

County staff gets preferential treatment

Editor:
I am responding to Mr. (Philip) Gilroy's letter about Mr. (Rick) Helms.

His assertion that the majority of the Highlands County citizens want to keep Mr. Helms in office is just another misleading statement that misleads the citizens.

I have been talking to the real citizens, not the citizens living on the banks of Lake



Jackson. I talk to people who work in fast food, retail, grocery stores and other jobs that pay much less than the staff of bureaucrats on the County Commission of Highlands County. Having worked at Manna Ministries as a volunteer for several years and as a board member for three years, I not only talked to a lot of people, but also to people who were affected by the bad economy and lost their jobs. For a while some of the best donors to the ministry became clients. That was very depressing and sad at times.

I submit that of the 99,000, give or take a couple of hundred, citizens of Highlands County that the over-whelming majority not only doesn't know who Mr. Helms is, they don't care who he is.

What they care about is how to find a job that will pay a living wage with at least some benefits. Many worry about how they can feed and clothe their children. They worry what will happen if they get ill and have no insurance?

Keep in mind that 60 percent of the school children are eligible for free lunches. Highlands County is the poorest county in Florida. Many seniors worry if they should buy food or prescriptions. Many seek help with utility bills; these are the ignored citizens of the political system of Highlands County.

The top 10 percent of the



Highlands County staff get two to four raises a year, and yes I have public records to back that up. Time to name names - Kyle Green was given three raises in just three weeks and two of them did not have any documents as to why or who authorized them. I have requested several times an answer to by whom and why he received these raises when his job title did not change. (Don) Elwell cannot, or will not give me an answer. Keep in mind, Mr. Green is not the only one getting multiple raises per year. (Jed) Secory's wage history is full

of multiple raises and now he would like the "citizens" to elect him to a higher paying job.

The median wage of the county worker is \$15 with many at \$10. Ask them when they last received a raise?

Over the past 10 years I have been studying the work of the Highlands County Board of County Commission and their selected staff. My opinion is that they have been the second best commission and staff in the state of Florida. Just in case you wonder who I think is No. 1, all the rest are tied for no.1.

Bottom line, the staff and good ole boys receive preferential treatment when it comes to money and discipline. Think of three employees getting fired for sending sexual innuendos over the county's instant messages and one just got a slap on the wrist.

Note to Ray Napper, you questioned whether I had been drinking when I wrote that the stock market, DOW, dropped 50 percent. If you would check the facts you will find the following Dec. 10, 2007 it was 13727 and on March 6, 2009 it was 6,627. I believe that is more

than 50 percent. You are welcome. I can be reached by email at claggwe@comcast.net

*William E. Clagg
Lake Placid*

Bouquet

Teacher appreciation and thanks

Editor:
On behalf of the new PTO at Avon Park Middle School, we would like to thank our business partners and friends for their gracious support and donations of door prizes for our teachers and staff during our celebration of National Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week.

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*Donna Peavey,
PTO President
Avon Park Middle School*

OBITUARIES

MILDRED BRINSON

On June 23, 2012, there was a whisper from God, to Mrs. Mildred Brinson, to come home to rest. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2012, at 1 p.m., Stephenson-Nelson Chapel, 111 E. Center St., Avon Park, FL 33825.

Mildred leaves to rejoice in her loving memory, Aletha Wilson, Queen Ester Ayers, Bea Carter, Quinnie Carter, Jr. (Grace), Watson Carter, Willie Carter (Vernell), Calvin Carter and many other family and friends.

LUCETTA HAMLET

Lucetta Zinni Hamlet died at home in Sebring, Fla., on June 20, 2012. She was born in Providence, R.I., on Oct. 16, 1942, to Louis and Lucetta Izzo Zinni. She spent her early life in Johnston, R.I., and was a graduate of Classical High School in Providence and Annhurst College in Woodstock, Conn. She worked as a social worker until her marriage to Peter Hamlet in 1971, and in her later years, as a volunteer for the Guardian Ad Litem program.

The remainder of her life was devoted to being a wife and mother to her two children, Eliza Hale and Joshua Hamlet, and raising her grandchild, Elijah Hamlet. She was the proud grandmother of Merrit and Thatcher Hale, whom she loved dearly.

Another major joy in her life was her dogs.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations in her memory be made to the Humane Society. There will be a private memorial service.

Sheriff makes proposal for takeover of APPD

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detention services are both accredited, Benton said. "There are 250 required standards just within the law enforcement discipline that we have met. Our general orders are reviewed and approved annually."

The HCSO develops and maintains a strategic plan that is "highly accountable and forecasts planning for three years. This plan is community driven ... and directly connected to our budget."

The HCSO has additional resources that will be available to the city on a full-time basis, she said. Those resources include a special victims unit — to deal with investigations of child and elder abuse — a crime scene unit with a laboratory and fingerprint analysis equipment.

According to the sheriff, the cost for providing law enforcement services would be \$983,280. The city currently budgets \$2 million for the police department.

"This amount is for personnel costs," said Benton, "and \$80,000 — \$5,000 per deputy — in operating costs such as uniforms ... fuel, vehicle maintenance, radio maintenance and the operating costs."

"All equipment, including the current police department fleet, radios, mobile computers, firearms, Tasers, and other law enforcement equipment will be transferred to the sheriff's office inventory," she added.

Generally speaking, the sheriff said, Avon Park would become a "specific cost center within our budget where all costs will be tracked ... you will have a complete accounting of all costs for services and we will reconcile at the end of each financial year ... any fund balance is redistributed accordingly."



The Avon Park Police Department building would become a hub for the 'North County' region of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office if the proposed takeover goes through.

The sheriff's proposal does not address the issue of who would be responsible for cost overruns should they occur.

The sheriff said she felt the proposal provided a "win-win" for everyone, particularly the city's police officers. For example, she said, they will have access to more diverse training and experience and more opportunities for advancement.

In presenting the proposal to the public, Deleon made it clear there would be extended discussions regarding the proposal, including special meetings with the local police union and the general public. In addition he will be meeting with the cities of Frostproof, Eagle Lake, Dundee and Fort Meade for feed back from other municipalities "regarding their experience in contracting services with the Polk County sheriff's office. We want to hear the good and the bad," he said.

The steep differences in costs for services are primarily attributed to differing models between the HCSO and Avon Park police operations, Deleon said. "The sheriff's office has an existing administrative infrastructure of operations and supervision to absorb these additional

responsibilities."

The sheriff would replace the city's current 22 sworn officers and three civilians with 16 sworn officers and one civilian, said Deleon. Avon Park would become a "hub" for the north county and city operations. The police department building would house the deputies and detectives assigned to the North County region.

Despite the proposed savings, Deleon added, the city "will continue with legacy pension obligations. These obligations will be presented at a planned special council meeting on July 11th, at 5 p.m."

Deleon said he had also invited the Florida League of Cities to a planned council meeting to present a proposal for the administration of the city's pension systems. He has invited the city's pension board of trustees to attend the meeting.

"The League currently manages over 100 pensions state wide with over \$360 million in assets," Deleon said.

He added that during union negotiations the city will remain open to any viable options proposed by the police department, which will be publicly presented to the

city council. Negotiations have been scheduled for July 11th and 16th.

"We will work closely with our local police union to explore available options to restructure operations," he said.

The 30-day negotiation and feedback period for the police union will be completed on July 26, Deleon said. At that time he will bring all available alternatives by the sheriff, the

city and the union to the city council for formal discussion, consideration and further community input.

"This is a complicated decision that will not be taken lightly," Deleon said. "All required due diligence will be performed in preparation to discuss all viable options to the city. The positives and the negatives, advantages and disadvantages ... we will make every effort to communicate with our residents and employees."

Ultimately, Deleon said, the final decision rests with the city council.

"It would be premature for me to make any formal comment at this time," Public Safety Director John King said Thursday. "Officers and union representatives are actively working to come up with a long-term solution to the rising pension costs." He added they will also be reviewing the figures regarding projected savings to the city for accuracy.

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Family of tornado victim getting help from community

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running rampant. So I decided to reach out and help," Sapp said.

"The family's personal items were strewn everywhere. A family album with pictures were found in a leased pasture two or three miles away. People are finding the family's personal items everywhere in the area. These children are left with nothing" Sapp said.

Sapp said she has never met the family, or the children, who are now living with their aunt.

"Don't toot my horn in the newspaper about this, this is all about helping out those kids," Sapp said in a phone interview on Thursday.

Sapp, with the assistance of others, setup a Facebook page for the Town family and established a place to coordinate the community efforts and questions about helping the children.

Sapp has setup drop-offs for donations and asked the community to help with items of need at this time.

"The kids now have more clothes than they could wear. If we could tone down the clothes collections, that would be great," Sapp said.

"The family will need gas and grocery cards from Walmart or Winn-Dixie. There is not a grocery store in Moore Haven, so they will have to travel to Clewiston to shop," Sapp said.

"I am told the little girl will be in the hospital for the next four weeks then she will be in a wheelchair. After that, she will have to go to physical therapy until she regains her mobility. The aunt lives in Moore Haven and will need have to drive somewhere like St. Pete or West Palm to get treatment because there are no facilities in Moore Haven that can help her with that," Sapp said.

New Beginnings, a thrift store in Lake Placid on Interlake Boulevard, has also given the Town family an "open ticket," according to Sapp.

"Sandy Lopes, who operates that thrift store, has said the family can come in and get what they need at no charge," Sapp explained.

"The kids are overwhelmed, of course, and they will have to deal with this long-term. But they are doing better everyday," Sapp said.

Sapp advised that the community could call her directly at 863-441-1506 to get updated information about what is needed, or they can access the Town Family page on Facebook for information about drop-off points for donations.

Visitation for Town is Friday at 5 p.m. and funeral services are at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Buxton Funeral Home in Okeechobee.

Helms to present case Tuesday

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entation and Elwell stressed that all commissioners should be present to hear Helms out.

"It is most fair if all five of us are here. I am sure Commissioner Richie will be back here and will want to participate. I truly believe that for this to be a fair process, everybody should be there for every leg of this," Elwell said.

Elwell opened the discussion up for public input, to which Stewart objected.

"This is something between the board and their employee," Stewart said in opposition to public input on the motion.

"This is the people's administrator. Unlike Mr. Richie on this point, I will seek the views of the public on this," Elwell responded,

emphasizing that he wanted the comments limited to just the motion at hand.

Audience members agreed with Elwell's assessment that the discussion should be open to the public.

"To claim that there are things that are off limits to the citizens is preposterous," said Highlands County resident Dale Pflug.

Commissioner Ron Handley voted to allow the phone-in if Richie was not able to make the meeting.

Commissioner Greg Harris was out with a scheduled absence. The July 3 meeting will begin at 9 a.m.



Elwell Commissioner Ron Handley

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The dugouts at the Panther baseball field have already been repainted in anticipation of the new color scheme that will go along with the name change from South Florida Community College to South Florida State College.



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The South Florida State College seal.

SFSC to be born Sunday

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Stephens. "So far, 22 of the 28 Florida colleges have or are in the process of adding bachelor's degree programs and changing their names. In addition to our new bachelor's degree, we will maintain our current mission."

Along with the name change, the soon-to-be SFSC has changed the school's colors. The black and orange has been replaced by a deep navy blue and orange. The college's logo has been updated as well.

"The four blue lines represent the Highlands, DeSoto, and Hardee campuses and Lake Placid Center, and the three orange lines represent the three counties SFSC serves: Highlands, DeSoto and Hardee," Stephens said. "The white pathways

between them represent the journeys our students make along the way to achieving their educational goals. The shape of the logo forms a letter 's,' representing both South and State," explained Stephens. The curved lines were added to "project ener-



Courtesy photo

SFCC Trustee Timothy D. Backer (seated) and SFCC President Norm Stephens sign a resolution to formally acknowledge the college's name change at the Wednesday SFCC District Board of Trustees meeting.

gy and movement while representing lines of latitude."

The institution was established as South Florida Junior College in 1965 by the Florida Legislature; it became South Florida Community College in 1984.

The college serves over 20,000 residents on four campuses: Highlands Campus in Avon Park, DeSoto Campus in Arcadia, Hardee Campus in Bowling Green and the Lake Placid Center.

Face eater not on bath salts

MIAMI (AP) — Authorities may never know why a Florida man viciously attacked and chewed on the face of an older homeless man in Miami last month after lab tests failed to find components of "bath salts" in the system of the assailant.

The tests detected only marijuana in the system of the attacker, the medical examiner said Wednesday, ruling out other street drugs that some had speculated Rudy Eugene, who was killed by police, might have taken.

An expert on toxicology testing said marijuana alone wasn't likely to cause behavior as strange as Eugene's.

"The problem today is that there is an almost an infinite number of chemical substances out there that can trigger unusual behavior," said Dr. Bruce Goldberger, Professor and Director of Toxicology at the University of Florida. Goldberger said the medical examiner's office in Miami is known for doing thorough work and he's confident they and the independent lab covered as much ground as possible.

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DEBBY'S AFTERMATH

Debby floods neighborhoods in northern Florida

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON** and **TAMARA LUSH**
Associated Press

SOPCHOPPY — Debby destroyed homes and businesses, washed away roads and flooded neighborhoods in Florida before the once-large tropical storm drifted out to sea Wednesday, leaving behind a sopping mess.

At least three people were killed in the storm, including Heather Town of Venus. More than 100 homes and businesses were flooded and officials warned that the waters may not recede until next week in some places. The storm knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of customers, though most had electricity restored by the time Debby left the state.

The tropical storm formed in the Gulf of Mexico on Saturday and gradually made its way across the Florida, drenching the state for several days before it weakened to a depression. The windy, rainy weather ruined vacations for some.

In Live Oak, a small city in northern Florida between Tallahassee and Jacksonville, water was up to the roofs of some homes and cars were submerged. In other places, residents stood in several feet of water as they checked out the damage to their homes.

"The water came in so fast last night," resident Johnny Torres said. "We were lucky to get out what we could."

In Crawfordville, a small town located in the crook of Florida's elbow just south of Tallahassee, main roads were impassable.

"There's more water than anybody, no matter how old they are, has ever remembered seeing,"



News-Sun photo by **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
Debby swept through Florida earlier this week leaving destruction, such as this at the home of Jeremy Sr. and Kim Setter in Lorida, across the state. The storm claimed the lives of three people, including Heather Town of Venus.

Wakulla County Commission Chairman Alan Brock said. "It's not just people on the river, it's neighborhoods, it's places that have never been flooded."

Even though Debby lost its strength, emergency management officials said they expect the aftermath to continue causing problems with swollen lakes and rivers, along with record rainfall.

"It's not over. We've got a long way to go," said Brian Koon, the director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management. "We'll be dealing with flooding for the next week."

Several of the state's rivers in the north reached historic levels, Koon said. The Sopchoppy River along the Panhandle reached its peak Wednesday at 36.1 feet. Before the storm, it was 8 feet.

Don Shemwell was in his summer home along the river, which dumps into the Gulf. He had not left since Sunday because the only road leading to it was under more than 1 foot of water. At one point, the water surrounded his house, but it never actually entered the home.

"I was convinced we were going to lose everything," Shemwell said. "There's a lady who has lived here for 34 years, and she's never seen anything close to this. I mean, how often does some place get 30 inches of rain in 48 hours?"

More than 200 people stayed in shelters across the state Tuesday evening, and 13 shelters remained open Wednesday.

Koon's department and FEMA will begin the formal damage assessment process on Friday. There was no immediate cost esti-

mate for the damage.

The storm dumped about 10 inches of rain on Tampa and more than 15 inches on the small, nearby city of Brooksville. Cities in the state's north fared worse: In Wakulla County — home to Crawfordville — 26 inches of rain fell over a 72-hour period, according to the National Weather Service.

State emergency officials said Wednesday that flood warnings were in effect for several north and west-central Florida rivers and about a half-dozen counties. Parts of the Upper Suwannee and Upper Santa Fe rivers are expected to crest between Friday and Saturday, and some areas will face possible flooding into next week. About 20 state parks and tourist sites remained closed Wednesday.

Authorities on Wednesday confirmed another storm-related death near St. Petersburg.

Armando Perez, 71, was found dead in flood waters outside of his Indian Rocks Beach home, the Pinellas County sheriff's office said. Perez had a heart attack and officials said he likely couldn't get help.

Over the weekend, Heather Town of Venus died in a tornado after she was thrown while clutching her baby, who survived, and a South Carolina man disappeared in the rough surf off the Gulf coast of Alabama.

In the Tampa Bay area, clouds gave way to spotty sunshine Wednesday and the water that had flooded some roads began to evaporate. City workers in Tampa carted felled trees and raked debris off Bayshore Boulevard, a 4.5-mile stretch that hugs Tampa Bay. It had

been largely underwater and closed for days.

The Salvation Army handed out 1,000 personal hygiene kits to residents in three counties and would bring a mobile shower unit to people displaced by the floods in the Lake City area.

Along the state's beach communities, other worries emerged.

In Manatee County, nearly 200 endangered sea turtles lost their nests, while in Pinellas County, entire colonies of nesting seabirds were wiped out.

"I've never seen anything this bad here in this area," said Barb Walker of the Clearwater Audubon Society.

Walker added that some eagle nests were also destroyed and more than a dozen baby deer were separated from their mothers during the storm — but most of the babies were reunited with their herds.

There is some hope for the sea turtle population, said Suzi Fox, the director of Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch and Shorebird Monitoring.

Although she estimated that some 180 nests in the county were destroyed, she saw 11 new nests on Wednesday morning. The turtles have six weeks of nesting season left.

"It's a gorgeous day. The waves have died down, the sun is out and the beach is flat," she said. "We have 11 nests laid on our beach as of last night and we're so excited. That's very encouraging."

Lush reported from St. Petersburg, Fla., and photographer Dave Martin contributed from Live Oak. Follow Tamara Lush on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/tamaralush> www.floridadisaster.org.

National Hurricane Center offers graphical forecast tools

To convey analysis and forecast information on tropical cyclones, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) produces graphics that provide important information for those who rely on tropical cyclone forecasts.

Weather forecasting isn't an exact science. Many of these graphics have been designed to address the inherent uncertainties in tropical cyclone forecasts.

The graphics are available online at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Track Forecast Cone,

Watches/Warning

This graphic shows coastal areas under a hurricane warning (red), hurricane watch (pink), tropical storm warning (blue), and a tropical storm watch (yellow). The orange circle denotes the cur-

rent position of the tropical cyclone. The black dots indicate the forecast positions and cyclone classification over the next five days.

Forecast errors and uncertainty of the future tropical cyclone center location are accounted for by the track forecast cone. The solid white area denotes the uncertainty for days 1-3. The white stippled area shows the uncertainty for days 4 and 5.

On average, the center of the tropical cyclone will remain inside the cone 60-70 percent of the time. It is important to remember that a tropical cyclone is not a point and that the associated hazards can extend well outside of the track forecast cone.

Graphical Tropical

Weather Outlook

This graphic highlights

areas of disturbed weather in the tropics and subtropics and assesses the potential for these systems to become tropical cyclones over the next 48 hours. Each disturbance is circled and numbered with an accompanying text description.

You also can view the text description by moving your mouse over the circled area. The color of the circles reflect the probability that the system will become a tropical cyclone over the next 48 hours:

- Yellow: low chance: less than 30 percent
- Orange: medium chance: 30-50 percent
- Red: high chance: more than 50 percent

Active tropical cyclones are depicted on the graphic as an "L" for tropical depressions, a tropical storm symbol, or a hurricane symbol.



Tropical Cyclone Surface Wind Speed Probabilities

This graphic indicates the chance of locations experiencing at least tropical storm (39 mph or greater) sustained winds over the following five

days. The graphic is also available at thresholds of 58 mph and 74 mph (hurricane force) sustained winds. The product is unique in that it takes into account uncertainty in the track, peak winds and size of the storm.

Tropical Cyclone Storm Surge Probabilities

Like surface wind speed probability products, storm surge probability products show the percentage chance of storm surge exceeding various thresholds.

The thresholds are available at 1-foot intervals from a minimum of 2 feet to a maximum of 25 feet.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Case No.: GC12-255

C.P.A. RENTAL, Inc., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 KEVIN D'ESPES, individually; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KEVIN D'ESPES, individually; TRACEY E. ALFERO, individually; the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a foreclosure action on the following property in Okeechobee County, Florida:
 Lot 36, OAK ISLAND, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 12, Page(s) 45, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 has been filed against you, UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TRACEY E. ALFERO, individually; KEVIN D'ESPES, individually; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KEVIN D'ESPES, individually; and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney below:
 Wesley R. Harvin, II, Esq.,
 306 NW 4th Street
 Okeechobee, FL 34972
 Tel: 863.824.7179

On or before July 31st, 2012, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

BOB GERMAINE
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 June 29, July 6, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-255

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOYCE E. WENTZ, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of JOYCE E. WENTZ, deceased, whose date of death was May 2, 2012, and whose social security number is 291-30-0027, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is June 29, 2012.

Personal Representative:
 /s/ Bradley J. Stoll
 7024 Spring Hill Road
 Sebring, FL 33876

Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Robert E. Livingston
 Florida Bar No. 0031259
 445 S. Commerce Avenue
 Sebring, FL 33870
 Telephone: (863)385-5156
 June 29, July 6, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-253

IN RE: ESTATE OF RHODA A. STRAW a.k.a. RHODA STRAW Division PROBATE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of RHODA A. STRAW a.k.a. RHODA STRAW, deceased, whose date of death was April 1, 2012, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-0293, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is June 29, 2012.

Personal Representative:
 /s/ Kathy Lauger
 9050 Kwanis Road
 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17112

Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ David F. Lanier
 E-Mail Address: lanier30@embargymail.com
 Florida Bar No. 045399
 DAVID F. LANIER
 Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400
 Telephone: (863)453-4457
 June 29, July 6, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000151 DIVISION:

SUNTRUST BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOHN THOMAS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000151 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida wherein SUNTRUST BANK, is the Plaintiff and JOHN THOMAS; ANILA J. THOMAS; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 17th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 8, BLOCK 4, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 24, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 A/K/A LOT 8 BLOCK 4 S, SEBRING, FL 32936
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on June 21, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
 P.O. Box 25018
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
 F10006389 SUNTRUST-CONV--Team 6 - F10006389
 **See Americans with Disabilities Act
 In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
 June 29, July 6, 2012

1050 Legals

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Pursuant to a WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, on the 15th day of June, 2012, in the cause wherein HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK is Plaintiff, and DANNY R. SIMMONS and MARY C. SIMMONS, are Defendants, being Case No. 11-297-GCS in the said Court, I, Susan Benton, Sheriff of Highlands County, Florida, have levied upon all of the Defendant, DANNY R. SIMMONS and MARY C. SIMMONS, right, title and interest in and to the following described REAL property in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit: Lots 10 and 11, Block 4, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES UNIT NO. 6, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, page 35, Public Record of Highlands County.

Property Address: 5631 & 5637 North Key, Sebring, Florida 33875
 Parcel ID Nos.: C-24-35-28-060-0040-0100 and C-24-35-28-060-0040-0110
 and on the 31st day of JULY, 2012 at the Commerce Avenue entrance to the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 s. Commerce Ave., in the City of Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all of the said defendant, DANNY R. SIMMONS and MARY C. SIMMONS, right, title and interest in aforesaid property at public outcry and will sell the same, subject to all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder or bidders for CASH, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

Dated this, June 21st 2012
 SUSAN BENTON, SHERIFF OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By Lt. Jack Bailey, Jr., DEPUTY SHERIFF

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the agency sending this notice at 434 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, Telephone 863/402-7228 not later than seven days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TTD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
 Prepared by J. Bailey
 Highlands County Sheriff's Office
 434 Fernleaf Ave.
 Sebring, FL 33870
 June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. GC 08-343

THUNDERBIRD MANOR, INC., Plaintiff,
 vs
 WILLIAM E. LEWIS, JR., Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure sale entered in the above entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
 Unit No. B-203 of THUNDERBIRD HILL MANOR, a Condominium, according to The Declaration of Condominium recorded in O.R. Book 969, Page 225, and all exhibits and amendments thereof, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, together with and an undivided 1/54 interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on the 11th day of July A.D., 2012.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk Circuit Court
 (Seal) By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 June 22, 29, 2012

"In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of Courts office at 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3701, Telephone 863-402-6500 not later than seven days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired (TDD) 1-800-9771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, Via Florida Relay Service.
 June 22, 29, 2012

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NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, pursuant to the provisions of the Fictitious Name Act, Section 865.09, Florida statutes, as amended, intends to register with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, the fictitious name of "GARDEN CAFE", in Highlands County, Florida, under which the undersigned is engaged or will engage in business at: 420 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring, FL 33870.

That the party interested in said business enterprise is as follows: McLane's Country Garden, Inc., a Florida Corporation.
 Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 8th day of June, 2012.

McLane's Country Garden, Inc.
 a Florida Corporation
 By: /s/ Scott McLane
 Scott McLane, President

CLIFFORD M. ABLES, III
 Attorney for Applicant
 551 S. Commerce Avenue
 Sebring, FL 33870
 (863) 385-0112
 June 29, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 282010CA000110A000XX

CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JAMES B. PACK; CYNTHIA L. PACK; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 20th day of June, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282010CA000110A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC is the Plaintiff and JAMES B. PACK; CYNTHIA L. PACK and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 19th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 65 AND ALL OF LOT 66, BLOCK 4, ERIN PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 77, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), (863)534-7777 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.
 Dated this 20th day of June, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 June 29, July 6, 2012

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 2.70 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING
 NOTICE is hereby given that The School Board of Highlands County is developing an amendment to Rule 2.70, Prohibiting Discrimination, Including Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to a local supervisor, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify the policy pursuant to recent legislative guidelines. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: This amendment would require that the School Board comply with all state and federal laws, which prohibit discrimination and are designed to protect the civil rights of applicants, employees, and/or students, or other persons or organizations protected by applicable law. The specific legal authority includes Sections 120.54, 1001.41, 1001.42 and 1012.23, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School Dis-

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-231

IN RE: ESTATE OF GORDON DUANE ARTLIP Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of GORDON DUANE ARTLIP, deceased, whose date of death was April 27, 2012, and whose social security number is 193-26-8365, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claim with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is June 22, 2012.

Personal Representative:
 /s/ Pamela Ann Artlip
 2031 Ashley Oaks Circle
 Sebring, FL 33870
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ David G. Fisher
 Florida Bar No. 025964
 Peterson & Myers, P.A.
 100 West Stuart Ave.
 Lake Wales, FL 33853
 Telephone: 863-676-7611
 Fax: (863)455-1317
 June 22, 29, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: Estate of LEONARD F. LANDREY a/k/a LEONARD FRANCIS LANDREY Deceased File Number 12000243PCAXMX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of LEONARD F. LANDREY a/k/a LEONARD FRANCIS LANDREY, deceased, whose date of death was April 24, 2012, and whose Social Security Number 349-12-6820 is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Room 102, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
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 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this notice is June 29, 2012.

Personal Representative:
 Daniel Landrey
 815 Hawser Street, NE
 Palm Bay, Florida 32907
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 Florida Bar No. 0109797
 Scott C. Dixon, Esquire
 360 North Babcock Street, Suite 103
 Melbourne, Florida 32935
 (321) 728-4939
 June 29, July 6, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000342

JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST RICHARD E. KAISER A/K/A RICHARD KAISER, DECEASED, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST RICHARD E. KAISER A/K/A RICHARD KAISER, DECEASED
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
 CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
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 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in HIGHLANDS County, Florida:
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 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Ronald R. Wolfe & Associates, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.
 This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the News-Sun.
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 15th day of June, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 As Deputy Clerk
 June 22, 29, 2011

Personal Representative:
 /s/ Richard E. Byron II
 26 Victoria Lane
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ ROBERT E. LIVINGSTON
 Florida Bar No. 0031259
 445 S. Commerce Avenue
 Sebring, FL 33870
 Telephone: (863)385-5156
 June 22, 29, 2012

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Legals

Notice of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$150. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY,
BY: Wally Cox
Superintendent & ex officio secretary

June 29, 2012

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 5.30, CODE OF CONDUCT AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that The School Board of Highlands County is developing an amendment to rule 5.30, Code of Conduct. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify the Code of Conduct to update in accordance with annual review and implement statutory changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. The following topics will be amended: 1. School Health Screenings: Parents who do not want their child's height/weight/BMI screening information sent home but would rather it be mailed can submit a written request with their mailing address to the health room staff at their child's school. 2. School Bus Guidelines: Electronic communication devices must be turned off and put away. Discipline Review Procedures - Electronic Communications: The term wireless communication includes those devices which provide communication by text, word, voice or picture; such as cell phones, palm pilots, iPods, iPads, laptops, notebooks, e-readers, etc. Inappropriate Personal Conduct - Harassment: Any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing conduct in written, verbal or physical form; or use of electronic communication devices that: 1) places a student or school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property 2) has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, or 3) has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school including any course of conduct directed at a specific person that causes substantial emotional distress in such a person and serves no legitimate purpose. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1001.32, 1001.41, 1001.43, 1006.07, 1006.15, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY,
BY: Wally Cox,
Superintendent & ex officio secretary

June 29, 2012

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 6.145 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is developing an amendment to Rule 6.145, Substitute Teachers. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to amend the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to modify the policy pursuant to recent legislative guidelines. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: Any member of the Florida Retirement System who has been retired for at least twelve (12) calendar months from any state administered retirement system may be employed as a substitute or hourly teacher on contractual basis. The specific legal authority includes Sections 1001.41, 228.12(2), and 228.18(12)(e), Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$150. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office, George Douglass Administration Building (Attn. Connie Scobey), 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY,
BY: Wally Cox
Superintendent & ex officio secretary

June 29, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A VARIANCE REQUEST HEARING NO. 1219

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the HIGHLANDS COUNTY Board of Adjustment on the 10th day of July, 2012, beginning at 3:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the County Commissioners' Board Room, Highlands County Government Center Building, 600 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida, to consider a variance request to allow for 7.0 and 7.2 foot side yard setbacks instead of the required 7.5 feet and 17.7 and 23.5 front yard setbacks instead of the required 25 feet for an existing dwelling and an existing attached carport within the area described as follows: approximately 0.30 acre parcel located along the southwest portion of the cul-de-sac on Eventide Avenue, west of Sun 'N Lakes Boulevard; the address being 140 Eventide Avenue, Lake Placid, Florida; and legally described as follows: Lot 13, Block 256, Section 20, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 89, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Any person or persons interested or affected by this change are invited to attend this hearing. You may submit comments in writing to the attention of Linda Conrad, Zoning Supervisor, P.O. Box 1926, Sebring, Florida 33871-1926, or you may call (863) 402-6638, for further information. Please reference the above hearing number when calling or writing.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED ABOVE.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THIS COMMITTEE/GROUP, IN PUBLIC HEARING OR MEETING IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD WILL INCLUDE THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH SUCH APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE UPON THE BASIS OF ANY INDIVIDUAL'S DISABILITY STATUS. THIS NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY INVOLVES EVERY ASPECT OF THE BOARD'S FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING ONE'S ACCESS TO, PARTICIPATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TREATMENT IN ITS PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES. ANYONE REQUIRING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OR SECTION 286.26, FLORIDA STATUTES, SHOULD CONTACT MRS. MELISSA BRUNS, ADA COORDINATOR AT 863-402-6509 (VOICE), VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE 711, OR BY E-MAIL: MBRUNS@HCBCC.ORG. REQUEST FOR CART OR INTERPRETER SERVICES SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO PERMIT COORDINATION OF THE SERVICE.

ONE OR MORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING. ONE OR MORE LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING. Jim Brooks, Chairman

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June 29, July 6, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 282011CA000436A000XX
FINANCIAL FREEDOM ACQUISITION, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
MARIA ITURRIQZ; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; BRITE MEYER; CORALINA MEYER; WALTER MEYER; DARIO A. RODRIGUEZ; CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, JR.; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 26th day of April, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282011CA000436A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein FINANCIAL FREEDOM ACQUISITION, LLC is the Plaintiff and MARIA ITURRIQZ; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; BRITE MEYER; CORALINA MEYER; WALTER MEYER; DARIO A. RODRIGUEZ; CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, JR.; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 18th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 9, BLOCK G, HILLSIDE LAKE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 27, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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Dated this 20th day of June, 2012.
Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
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June 29, July 6, 2012

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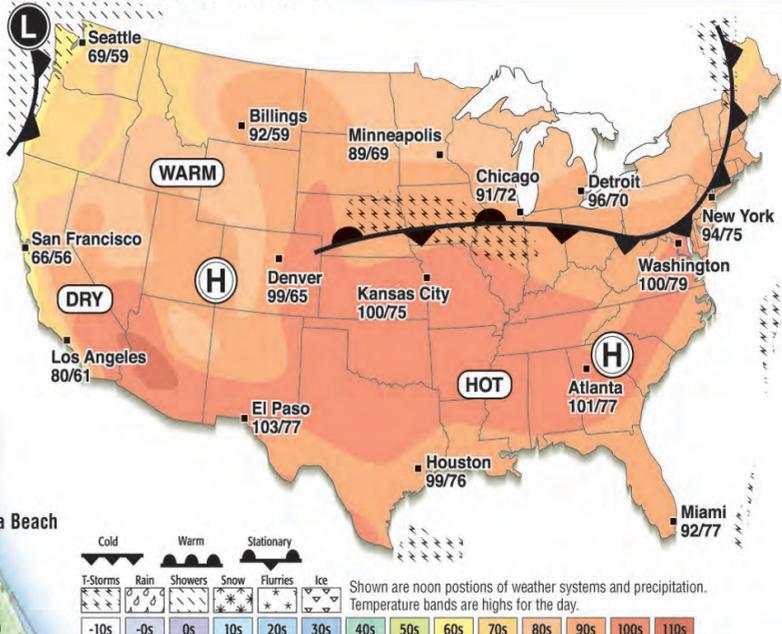


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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny	Partly sunny	A stray afternoon thunderstorm	Chance of a p.m. thunderstorm	An afternoon thunderstorm possible
93° / 71°	94° / 73°	94° / 75°	94° / 76°	93° / 73°
Winds: W at 4-8 mph	Winds: WSW at 4-8 mph	Winds: VAR at 3-6 mph	Winds: VAR at 3-6 mph	Winds: ESE at 2-4 mph

National Forecast for June 29



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	80°
Low Sunday	74°
High Monday	84°
Low Monday	75°
High Tuesday	89°
Low Tuesday	73°
High Wednesday	91°
Low Wednesday	64°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	43%
Expected air temperature	92°
Makes it feel like	96°

Barometer

Monday	29.62
Tuesday	29.76
Wednesday	N.A.

Precipitation

Monday	0.47"
Tuesday	0.64"
Wednesday	0.38"
Month to date	9.65"
Year to date	19.66"

Tides
Readings at St. Petersburg

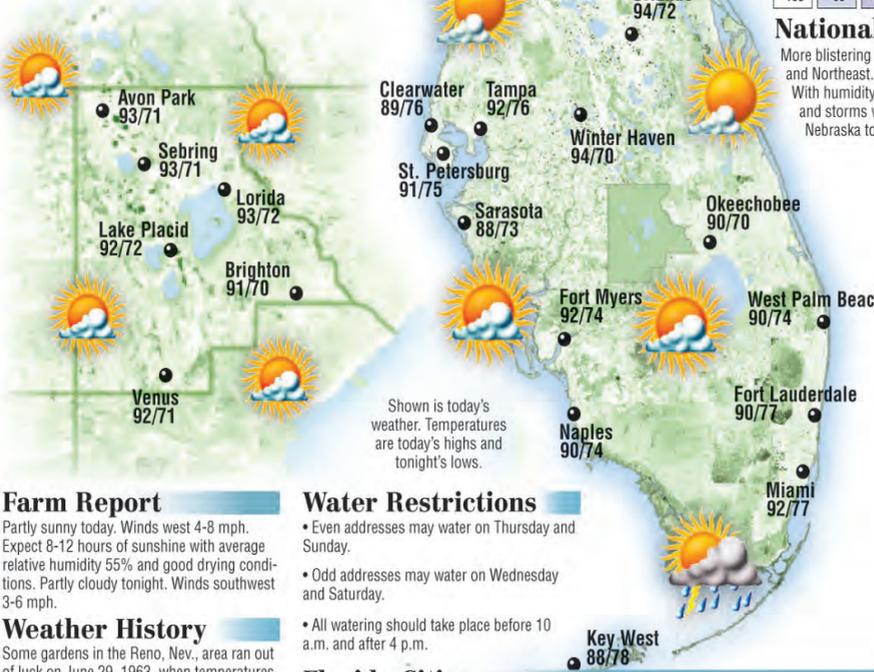
High	10:07 a.m.
Low	3:26 a.m.
High	none
Low	6:06 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	4:44 a.m.
Low	10:57 a.m.
High	5:43 p.m.
Low	11:30 p.m.

Regional Summary

Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday: partly sunny with a thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon.



Farm Report

Partly sunny today. Winds west 4-8 mph. Expect 8-12 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 55% and good drying conditions. Partly cloudy tonight. Winds southwest 3-6 mph.

Weather History

Some gardens in the Reno, Nev., area ran out of luck on June 29, 1963, when temperatures dropped to 32 degrees -- the latest freeze on record there.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	6:37 a.m.	6:37 a.m.
Sunset	8:22 p.m.	8:22 p.m.
Moonrise	4:14 p.m.	5:20 p.m.
Moonset	2:33 a.m.	3:23 a.m.



Water Restrictions

- Even addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday.
- Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday.
- All watering should take place before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Cape Coral	92/73/pc	93/74/pc	93/75/pc	Miami	92/77/t	91/79/pc	92/79/pc
Clearwater	89/76/s	91/77/pc	91/76/pc	Okeechobee	90/70/pc	90/72/pc	92/71/t
Coral Springs	91/74/t	91/75/pc	91/76/pc	Orlando	94/72/s	94/73/pc	93/75/pc
Daytona Beach	92/71/s	93/72/s	94/73/pc	Pembroke Pines	91/75/t	93/76/pc	93/77/pc
Ft. Laud. Bch	90/77/t	92/79/pc	91/79/pc	St. Augustine	94/73/s	94/73/s	94/74/pc
Fort Myers	92/74/pc	93/75/pc	93/76/pc	St. Petersburg	91/75/s	91/76/pc	92/75/pc
Gainesville	95/70/s	95/72/s	95/73/pc	Sarasota	88/73/pc	89/75/pc	91/75/pc
Hollywood	91/75/t	94/75/pc	93/76/pc	Tallahassee	96/70/s	98/73/s	98/72/s
Homestead AFB	90/74/t	89/75/pc	89/75/pc	Tampa	92/76/s	92/76/pc	93/76/pc
Jacksonville	96/71/s	98/72/s	99/73/pc	W. Palm Bch	90/74/pc	90/76/pc	91/77/pc
Key West	88/78/t	89/79/pc	90/80/pc	Winter Haven	94/70/s	95/73/pc	94/74/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

National Summary

More blistering heat will scorch the Plains and South today while also building into the big cities of the mid-Atlantic and Northeast. Many areas will reach the triple digits for high temperatures, with more records expected to fall. With humidity factored in, it will feel several degrees warmer than the actual thermometer reading. A few showers and storms will provide some relief from the heat near a stationary front draped across the lower Midwest from Nebraska to Indiana.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	99/71/t	101/73/s	100/68/s	Los Angeles	80/61/s	77/61/pc	78/62/pc
Atlanta	101/77/s	101/79/s	100/79/s	Louisville	105/79/s	103/77/s	104/78/s
Baltimore	100/75/t	98/70/pc	95/70/pc	Memphis	103/79/s	105/78/s	105/77/s
Birmingham	102/75/s	104/77/s	100/76/s	Milwaukee	84/70/pc	89/68/pc	89/70/t
Boston	90/69/t	92/73/pc	88/69/pc	Minneapolis	89/69/pc	91/73/t	92/72/pc
Charlotte	102/72/s	100/75/s	98/75/s	Nashville	104/76/s	103/73/s	103/72/pc
Cheyenne	94/61/t	90/56/s	92/64/s	New Orleans	92/74/s	91/76/s	92/75/s
Chicago	91/72/t	91/70/pc	89/72/t	New York City	94/75/t	94/74/pc	92/73/pc
Cleveland	90/70/pc	92/68/pc	89/67/t	Norfolk	96/77/s	98/80/pc	94/76/s
Columbus	96/74/t	93/72/pc	91/73/pc	Oklahoma City	102/70/s	100/72/s	100/71/s
Dallas	102/75/s	100/77/s	98/77/s	Philadelphia	98/76/t	96/75/pc	96/75/pc
Denver	99/65/t	99/63/s	99/63/s	Phoenix	112/87/s	111/88/s	114/86/s
Detroit	96/70/pc	92/68/pc	92/67/t	Pittsburgh	92/70/t	90/68/pc	90/68/pc
Harrisburg	94/68/t	96/69/pc	95/65/pc	Portland, ME	82/63/pc	86/64/pc	85/61/pc
Honolulu	85/73/pc	86/72/pc	87/72/s	Portland, OR	75/61/c	74/57/c	70/52/c
Houston	99/76/pc	92/75/pc	95/75/pc	Raleigh	101/76/s	103/76/s	100/75/s
Indianapolis	98/76/t	93/74/pc	90/75/pc	Rochester	88/64/pc	88/65/pc	84/64/pc
Jackson, MS	100/75/s	103/74/s	103/73/s	St. Louis	105/81/s	103/75/s	99/77/s
Kansas City	100/75/s	98/74/s	95/73/pc	San Francisco	66/56/pc	68/56/pc	67/53/pc
Lexington	103/74/s	103/70/s	98/72/s	Seattle	69/59/c	69/54/sh	66/52/c
Little Rock	102/76/s	102/75/s	101/76/s	Wash., DC	100/79/t	100/79/pc	98/76/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	88/78/t	89/78/t	90/78/t	London	66/54/sh	70/54/sh	68/52/pc
Athens	92/73/s	91/75/s	90/74/s	Montreal	86/66/t	82/64/pc	82/63/pc
Beirut	86/76/s	86/76/s	88/77/s	Moscow	70/50/sh	71/45/s	73/55/s
Berlin	83/69/sh	86/68/t	87/67/c	Nice	82/67/s	85/70/s	86/70/pc
Bermuda	80/75/s	82/75/r	82/75/s	Ottawa	86/64/pc	85/64/pc	83/62/pc
Calgary	72/51/c	70/51/pc	70/51/sh	Quebec	79/57/t	81/61/pc	79/59/pc
Dublin	64/50/sh	59/46/r	57/45/pc	Rio de Janeiro	84/71/s	83/71/s	84/72/s
Edmonton	74/51/c	76/51/pc	70/51/sh	Seoul	82/70/r	75/68/r	81/70/pc
Freeport	86/75/pc	88/76/pc	87/77/pc	Singapore	86/79/t	88/79/t	86/77/sh
Geneva	82/60/sh	87/59/t	83/63/t	Sydney	65/42/pc	64/39/c	59/39/s
Havana	89/71/t	90/72/pc	93/72/sh	Toronto	88/68/pc	89/68/pc	88/62/pc
Hong Kong	93/80/sh	87/81/r	89/82/sh	Vancouver	67/59/c	69/57/sh	67/53/c
Jerusalem	86/70/s	89/68/s	88/68/s	Vienna	84/72/pc	92/77/s	93/77/s
Johannesburg	68/45/s	69/43/s	68/44/s	Warsaw	73/60/c	88/68/s	93/70/t
Kiev	74/52/pc	78/56/pc	80/58/s	Winnipeg	80/60/s	83/62/t	87/68/s

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Lake Placid sweeps to State

By DAN HOEHNE

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Lake Placid has stamped its' ticket for the Dixie State Tournament.

Slated to begin Saturday, July 7, at the Max Long Recreational Complex in Sebring, the AAA State Tournament was joined in the waning hours of Tuesday night by the Lake Placid All-Stars.

With the lingering and continual rains from the outer bands of Tropical Storm Debby washing away the tournament after Saturday's opening games, preparations were made to get the finale in Tuesday night.

Avon Park had topped host Okeechobee to begin things on Saturday, before falling to the Lake Placid squad.

The junior Dragons then continued their winning ways in Tuesday's first contest, flying past Okeechobee with a 13-3 win.

Lake Placid scratched for a run in the first and held a 1-0 lead through two before exploding in the third.

Seven runs came across in the frame, via a combination of hits, walks, hit batters and errors.

The hosts got on the board with three in the bottom of the third, two on a Cole Younger single, but the boys in green weren't done yet.

Five more in the top of the fourth put the lead at the mercy-rule level, 13-3, and it remained there as Okeechobee couldn't add any in the bottom of the inning to end it early.

Lake Placid's win then set up an evening rematch with Avon Park for the championship.

And though they had taken a 10-1 win Saturday over the li'l Red Devils, it wasn't going to be quite so easy this time around.

Avon Park, in fact, got on the board first and held the lead through four innings.

After scoring a total of two



Courtesy photo

The Lake Placid AAA All-Stars celebrate late Tuesday night, after winning the District 8 Dixie Tournament in Okeechobee.

runs in their first two games, the junior Devils broke out for three in the top of the opening inning.

Mason Price lead off with a walk, Gunnar Leonard singled and D.J. Conrad drew a base on balls to fill the bases.

A pitching change and one out later, consecutive walks brought home two runs, with a passed ball bringing home the third for a 3-0 Avon Park edge.

Lake Placid answered back quickly, however, as Cody Carpenter blasted a two-run homer to bring his squad back to within one.

The pitching and defense held for both sides over the next two innings, before Leonard reached and came around to add another run for the Devils.

But Carpenter brought home another run in the bottom of the frame, scoring Shamar Mitchell on a fielder's choice to again cut the lead to one at 4-3.

Then, after Avon Park was held scoreless in the top of the fifth, Lake Placid scratched

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Courtesy photo

Cody Carpenter hammered a two-run home run and brought home another score in Lake Placid's 5-4 win.

STARS bowlers compete in Highlands County Games

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID – Special STARS bowlers packed the house at Coz's Bowling Center on Saturday, June 23, to compete in the County Games.

There were approximately 100 athletes with mental and physical disabilities from all over Highlands County competing for ribbons and the opportunity to advance to District Games in singles, doubles and team events.

They trained for three weeks prior to the County Games.

Those who were in wheelchairs were able to use ramps and compete.

There were two levels of ramp bowling – assisted and unassisted.

Assisted ramp bowling means a volunteer lines up the ramp for the bowler while the athlete pushes the ball down the shoot.

In unassisted, the bowler lines up the ramp on their own.

Athletes who placed first and second will be advancing to the District Games in Lake Placid this Saturday, June 30, to compete against athletes from Hardee and Okeechobee counties.

Trophies were presented to the most improved and best bowlers in Highlands County.

Shawn Squires was the Best Overall Bowler by bowling a 269 game and a 1,317 series.

Others winning trophies were Frances Goff, Most Improved Assisted Ramp Bowler, improved by 2 pins; Patty Wilfong, Most Improved



Courtesy photo

Bowling partners Alex Lopez and Sandra Harper give each other a high five as they were announced the winners of the doubles competition at the Special STARS Highlands County Games on June 23.

Unassisted Ramp Bowler, improved by 20 pins; Ruth Hancock, Most Improved Bumper Bowler, improved by 51 pins; Mac Smith, Most Improved Male Bowler, improved by 47 pins; Francesca DiMeglio, Most Improved Female Bowler, improved by 41 pins; Laverta Kasper, Best

Assisted Ramp Bowler, 130 game and 604 series; Sara Canali, Best Unassisted Ramp Bowler, 142 game and 792 series; Garrett Knowles, Best Bumper Bowler, 125 game and 367 series; Donna Addison, Best Female

See STARS, Page 3B



Courtesy photo

In addition to the variety of lures and bait, one needed a raincoat to hit the lakes this past weekend.

Wet and Wild

The summer rains are upon us, and the bass fishing couldn't be better!

But you needed to add a rain suit to your fishing list if you were heading out this past week.

I was fortunate in that I got ahead of the rain on one trip, only getting wet when I continued fishing after the rain started, but on my send trip it was raining when I went out.

I don't know about you, but I kind of like fishing in the rain.

At least the lighter stuff where there's no lightning and thunder.

It's actually pretty refreshing compared to that hot, blazing sun we so often have to deal with here in Florida.

Weather conditions affect fish much like it affects animals.

My experience has been that prior to and occasionally during a rainstorm, animals like deer and rabbits, as well as all game fish put on the feedbag attempting to stockpile their energy resources in the event the storm gets nasty and prevents them from feeding naturally.

I've found just prior to a rainstorm, fish will hit just about anything, so it's actually a pretty good time to be on the water.

After the storm passes, and you see that big blue sky, fishermen hit the lakes only to find the fish often have lockjaw, refusing even the most tantalizing of baits.

I think it's because they're full.

Having gone on a feeding frenzy prior to the storm, they can now ride out the next few days until their



Fishin' Around

Don Norton

hunger kicks in again.

Here in Florida, during the rainy season when you're seeing rain almost every day it may not be as impactful, but I still prefer fishing prior to a rainstorm than after.

I'm not a scientist, but in all my years of fishing, I've certainly found the fishing to be better.

It turned out to be true this past week as I spent a day on Lake Istokpoga and another on Lake Glenada.

My favorite time to fish is early morning, but since I work full-time, sometimes I have to go when I can and that's often later in the day.

Such was the case in my trip to Lake Istokpoga.

I arrived around 2:30 p.m. and although they were calling for scattered thunderstorms, the sky looked fine so I headed up to the north end of the lake to fish the never-ending shallow water reeds and bulrushes.

My first flip into a likely looking spot produced a strike and as I set the hook, a fat, football sized large-mouth shot up in the air and spit my Zoom Baby Brush Hog right back at me.

I figured I must have just not been ready, so I re-set the bait and flipped back in.

One thing that everyone

See RAIN, Page 4B

Possible sites for title game in new playoff

By RALPH D. RUSSO

Associated Press

The date of college football's first championship game in the new playoff system is Jan. 12, 2015.

Where it will be held is to be determined.

The plan is to have cities bid for the right to host the title game, the way the NFL does with the Super Bowl.

There figures to be plenty of suitors.

Here are the five cities most likely to host the first big game:

DALLAS

Cowboys Stadium has been the home to the Cotton Bowl for the last two years, and organizers have been trying to get into the BCS rotation for years.

The presidents hadn't even had a chance to approve the

playoff plan before a group was being formed to make a bid to put the title game in Jerry Jones' \$1.1 billion state-of-the-art sports cathedral.

Does Jones know his Cowboys can't qualify for that championship game?

ATLANTA

The home of the Chick-fil-A Bowl, organizers of that game were second to let anybody who was listening know that they wanted to host the national title game.

As home to the Southeastern Conference title game, many fans in the Deep south already believe the Georgia Dome hosts the national champion game.

INDIANAPOLIS

Lucas Oil Stadium was the

See NCAA, Page 3B

THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	46	28	.622	—
Baltimore	41	33	.554	5
Boston	40	35	.533	6½
Tampa Bay	40	35	.533	6½
Toronto	38	37	.507	8½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	40	35	.533	—
Cleveland	37	37	.500	2½
Detroit	36	39	.480	4
Kansas City	34	39	.466	5
Minnesota	30	44	.405	9½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	47	29	.618	—
Los Angeles	42	33	.560	4½
Oakland	37	39	.487	10
Seattle	32	45	.416	15½

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 6, Cleveland 4
 L.A. Angels 7, Baltimore 3
 Boston 5, Toronto 1
 Texas 7, Detroit 5
 Chicago White Sox 3, Minnesota 2
 Kansas City 8, Tampa Bay 2
 Seattle 3, Oakland 2

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 5, Cleveland 4
 Chicago White Sox 12, Minnesota 5
 Boston 10, Toronto 4
 Kansas City 5, Tampa Bay 4
 Oakland 2, Seattle 1
 L.A. Angels 13, Baltimore 1
 Texas 13, Detroit 9

Thursday's Games

Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, late
 Cleveland at Baltimore, late
 L.A. Angels at Toronto, late
 Detroit at Tampa Bay, late
 Oakland at Texas, late
 Boston at Seattle, late

Friday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Quintana 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Warren 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (D.Lowe 7-6) at Baltimore (Arrieta 3-9), 7:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (E.Santana 4-8) at Toronto (Villanueva 2-0), 7:07 p.m.
 Detroit (Verlander 8-4) at Tampa Bay (Price 10-4), 7:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Griffin 0-0) at Texas (M.Harrison 10-3), 8:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (Mendoza 2-4) at Minnesota (Duensing 1-3), 8:10 p.m.
 Boston (A.Cook 1-1) at Seattle (Noesi 2-9), 10:10 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING				
	AB	R	H	BA
Trout, LAA	218	47	75	.344
Konerko, CHW	246	37	82	.333
Beltre, TEX	279	44	93	.333
Mauer, MIN	240	34	77	.321
Escobar, KC	260	28	82	.315
Jackson, DET	204	42	64	.314
Trumbo, LAA	246	35	77	.313
Hamilton, TEX	266	48	83	.312

HOME RUNS

Bautista, TOR	25
Dunn, CHW	24
Hamilton, TEX	24
Encarnacion, TOR	22
Ortiz, BOS	21
Granderson, NYY	21
Jones, BAL	19

RUNS BATTED IN

Hamilton, TEX	67
Cabrera, DET	60
Bautista, TOR	58
Dunn, CHW	57
Encarnacion, TOR	54
Ortiz, BOS	53

STOLEN BASES

Trout, LAA	21
Kipnis, CLE	18
Davis, TOR	17
Revere, MIN	15
Crisp, OAK	15
De Aza, CHW	14
Andrus, TEX	14
4 tied with	13

WON-LOST

Harrison, TEX	10-3
Price, TB	10-4
Darvish, TEX	10-4
Nova, NYY	9-2
Sale, CHW	9-2
Sabathia, NYY	9-3
C. Wilson, LAA	9-4

ERA

Sale, CHW	2.27
Weaver, LAA	2.31
C. Wilson, LAA	2.36
Verlander, DET	2.52
McCarthy, OAK	2.54
Peavy, CHW	2.84
Price, TB	2.95

STRIKEOUTS

Verlander, DET	113
Scherzer, DET	107
Darvish, TEX	106
Sabathia, NYY	105
Hernandez, SEA	101
Sale, CHW	94
Shields, TB	93

SAVES

C. Perez, CLE	23
J. Johnson, BAL	22
Rodney, TB	21
Broxton, KC	19
Aceves, BOS	18
Nathan, TEX	17
Soriano, NYY	17

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	43	30	.589	—
Atlanta	40	34	.541	3½
New York	40	36	.526	4½
Philadelphia	36	41	.468	9
Miami	35	40	.467	9
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	41	33	.554	—
Pittsburgh	39	35	.527	2
St. Louis	40	36	.526	2
Milwaukee	34	41	.453	7½
Houston	32	43	.427	9½
Chicago	26	49	.347	15½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	43	33	.566	—
San Francisco	43	33	.566	—
Arizona	37	37	.500	5
Colorado	28	46	.378	14
San Diego	27	49	.355	16

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 4
 Atlanta 8, Arizona 1
 Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 3
 St. Louis 5, Miami 2
 Chicago Cubs 5, N.Y. Mets 3
 Houston 5, San Diego 3
 Washington 12, Colorado 5
 San Francisco 2, L.A. Dodgers 0

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee 8, Cincinnati 4



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. NASCAR – Feed the Children 300 ESPN2

SATURDAY

6 p.m. NHRA – Route 66 Nationals ESPN2

7:30 p.m. NASCAR – Quaker State 400 TNT

BOXING

FRIDAY

10:30 p.m. Ruslan Provodnikov vs. Jose Reynoso . ESPN2

SATURDAY

9 p.m. Cornelius Brundage vs. Cory Spinks . . . SHOW

10 p.m. Mercito Gesta vs. Manny Perez SUN

GOLF

FRIDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Irish Open GOLF

11:30 a.m. PGA – United Leasing Championship . . . GOLF

1 p.m. PGA – Constellation Senior Players GOLF

3 p.m. PGA – AT&T National GOLF

6:30 p.m. LPGA – NW Arkansas Championship . . . GOLF

SATURDAY

1 p.m. PGA – AT&T National GOLF

2:30 p.m. PGA – Constellation Senior Players GOLF

3 p.m. PGA – AT&T National CBS

5 p.m. LPGA – NW Arkansas Championship . . . GOLF

7:30 p.m. PGA – United Leasing Championship . . GOLF

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

FRIDAY

2:10 p.m. Houston at Chicago Cubs WGN

7 p.m. Detroit at Tampa Bay SUN

SATURDAY

4 p.m. Houston at Chicago Cubs WGN

7 p.m. Detroit at Tampa Bay FOX

OLYMPICS

FRIDAY

8 p.m. U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials NBC

9 p.m. U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Trials NBC

SATURDAY

4 p.m. U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Trials NBC

8 p.m. U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials NBC

9 p.m. U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials NBC

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THURSDAY'S GAMES

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 Washington at Colorado, late
 Arizona at Atlanta, late
 San Diego at Houston, late
 N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, late
 Cincinnati at San Francisco, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Houston (B.Norris 5-4) at Chicago Cubs (Maholm 4-6), 2:20 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Hamels 10-3) at Miami (Jo.Johnson 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
 Washington (Detwiler 4-3) at Atlanta (Delgado 4-8), 7:35 p.m.
 Arizona (I.Kennedy 5-7) at Milwaukee (Wolf 2-5), 8:10 p.m.
 San Diego (Marquis 1-3) at Colorado (Francis 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Correia 3-6) at St. Louis (Wainwright 6-7), 8:15 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Dickey 11-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Harang 5-4), 10:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Leake 2-5) at San Francisco (M.Cain 9-2), 10:15 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING				
	AB	R	H	BA
Ruiz, PHL	220	37	80	.364
Wright, NYM	263	49	94	.357
Votto, CIN	255	49	90	.353
Cabrera, SF	302	52	106	.351
McCutchen, PIT	266	42	91	.342
Gonzalez, COL	276	54	92	.333
Prado, ATL	284	42	90	.317

HOME RUNS

Beltran, STL	20
Braun, MIL	20
Gonzalez, COL	17
Bruce, CIN	17
Stanton, MIA	17
Hart, MIL	15
LaRoche, WAS	15
4 tied with	14

RUNS BATTED IN

Beltran, STL	59
Ethier, LAD	55
Gonzalez, COL	54
Braun, MIL	52
Bruce, CIN	51
McCutchen, PIT	48
7 tied with	47

STOLEN BASES

Campana, CHC	24
Gordon, LAD	24
Bonifacio, MIA	20
Bourn, ATL	20
Victorino, PHL	19
Schiffano, HOU	18
Pierre, PHL	17
3 tied with	16

WON-LOST

Dickey, NYM	11-1
G. Gonzalez, WAS	10-3
Hamels, PHL	10-3
Lynn, STL	10-3
Greinke, MIL	9-2
Cain, SF	9-2
Strasburg, WAS	9-2
Capuano, LAD	9-2

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Beachy, ATL	2.00
Dempster, CHC	2.11
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Cain, SF	2.27

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Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
 BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with LHP Brian Johnson and RHP Austin Maddox on minor league contracts.
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Designated RHP Chris Schwiden for assignment.
 Claimed INF Vinny Rottino off waivers from the N.Y. Mets.
 DETROIT TIGERS—Assigned C Andrew Longley to the Gulf Coast Tigers.
 Assigned OF Jake Stewart and LHP Josh Turley to Connecticut (NYP).
 KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Recalled LHP Everett Teaford and OF Jason Bourgeois from Omaha (PCL). Optioned LHP Francisley Bueno to Omaha. Designated C Humberto Quintero for assignment.
 NEW YORK YANKEES—Placed LHP CC Sabathia on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 25.
 TAMPA BAY RAYS—Assigned SS Spencer Edwards to the Gulf Coast Rays.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Recalled LHP Patrick Corbin from Reno (PCL). Reinstated INF Stephen Drew from the 15-day DL. Placed RHP Daniel Hudson on the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Jonathan Albaladejo to Reno.
 CHICAGO CUBS—Recalled RHP Rafael Dolis from Iowa (PCL). Designated RHP Randy Wells for assignment.
 COLORADO ROCKIES—Optioned RHP Zach Putnam to Colorado Springs (PCL).
 Recalled LHP Edwar Cabrera from Tulsa (Texas).
 PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Reinstated 2B Chase Utley from the 15-day DL. Optioned 2B Michael Martinez to Lehigh Valley (IL).

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
 HOUSTON ROCKETS—Traded C Samuel Dalembert, the 2012 14th overall draft pick, a future second-round draft pick and cash considerations to Milwaukee for F Jon Brockman, F Jon Leuer, G Shaun Livingston and the 2012 12th overall pick.
 INDIANA PACERS—Announced the resignation of president of basketball operations Larry Bird.

FOOTBALL

National Hockey League
 SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Promoted Sam Ramsden to director of player health and performance. Named Todd Brunner area scout for the northeast region.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
 TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Re-signed D Brendan Mikkelson to a one-year, one-way contract.

SFCC Volleyball Camps

AVON PARK – The summer season is right around the corner, which means plenty of opportunities for aspiring area volleyball players to sharpen their skills and learn some new things at the SFCC Summer Camps, lead by head coach Kim Crawford and members of the Lady Panther squad.

Three indoor camps are going to be held, in addition to two sand volleyball camps.

Four-day indoor camps will be offered Monday through Thursday, June 25-28, July 9-12 and July 30-Aug. 2.

Each day, campers going into grades 6-8 will meet from 9 a.m.-Noon, campers going into grades 9-12 from 1-4 p.m., with all campers then enjoying open pool time from 4-4:45 p.m.

Cost for the indoor camps are \$100 per week, or \$30 per daily session.

Out on the sand court, one more four-day camp will be offered Monday through Thursday, July

STARS find bowling right up their alley

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Bowler, 154 game and 801 series; and Eddie Thomas, Best Male Bowler, 181 game and 878 series.

Cracker Trail 4-H Club assisted with the lanes, served lunch and handed out the awards after lunch.

The Lake Placid Elks Lodge representatives Peg Murray and John Russo presented the American flag while the athletes said the pledge of allegiance.

Betty Burnett, Frankie Smelser, Nicole Lewis, Shawn Squires and Nancy Cassels placed first in the County Games.

The second-place team was Owen Barnhill, Gerald Bass, Eva Monk, Ricky Marino and Larry Rivers.

Doubles teams who placed first were Sandra Harper and Alex Lopez.

Second-place winners were Angie Luft and Katie Gibson.

Doubles bowlers in the unassisted ramp division who got first were Sara Canali and Patty Wilfong.

The second-place winners

were Becky Anders and Herb Adkins.

In singles those who got firsts were Eddie Thomas, Raymond Jackson, Dennis Taylor, Bill Wheeler, Donna Addison, Dama Massey, Kathy Mitchell, Alan Kufknowski, Jeannene Eby, Ruth Hancock, Tim Johnson, Jim Kentfield and Danny Bass.

Second-place winners were Rick Massey, John Smith, Mark Rieke, Leslie Hollandy, Tammy Furman, Linda Decker, Maria Rivera, William Dickson, Tony Bock, Edrei Lopez, Carlita Hawkins, Carl Smith and Richard Rossner.

Third-place winners were Laverta Kasper, Jimmy Phipps, Frances Goff, Garrett Knowles, Hugh Sims, Emily Harrison, Sue Talios, Lorraine Steeves, Maria Concepcion, Penny Holder, Sharon Carpenter, Mike Eldred, Rob Ward, Todd Gathercoal, Mac Smith, Francesca DiMeglio, Minnie Sue Reid, Madolyn Anders, Annie Horn, Beth Horn, Travis Moss and Greg Robinson.

Fourth-place winners were John Davis, Helena Spies, Ronnie Gladson, Kerrie Baker, Patty Toepper, Tim Dowdy, Bobby Brewington, Joe Singha, Billy Owens, Bobby Byrd, Terry Richardson, Kelly Gilmore, Maricel Moreno, Josh Croston and Charles Hodgkinson.

Fifth-place winners were Tamara Anna, Amy Matthews, Timmy Cypress, Jimmy Jensen, Dustin Akey, Ilana Levy and Stephanie Travi.

Sixth-place ribbons went to Kenny Roberts and Perry Bright.

Special STARS partnered with South Florida Community College Adult Education Program to provide bowling for people with disabilities.

This program provides an opportunity for athletes to further develop their motor and socialization skills.

Special STARS is a sports training and recreational services program that is affiliated with Ridge Area Arc.

It is totally operated by volunteers.



Courtesy photo
Special STARS bowler Emily Harrison prepares to push off her ball on the ramp while Cracker Trail 4-H member Hunter Martinez volunteers to hold it.

It provides more than 12 different sports and recreational programs for 250 children and adults with men-

tal and physical disabilities in Hardee and Highlands counties.

Anyone wanting more

information about Special STARS, can call Coordinator Cindy Marshall at (863) 452-1295, ext. 124.

NCAA title sites

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site of the first Big Ten championship game last year.

For years the Big Ten has complained about its teams having to play postseason games on enemy territory, facing SEC teams in the South and Pac-12 teams out West.

Commissioner Jim Delany will push hard to get the title game on his turf for once.

JACKSONVILLE

The way NFL's Jaguars have been drawing, college football might be the only football being played at EverBank Field in a few years.

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Rain plays role in fish activity

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knows is that when you're flippin' the reeds, you need to constantly be checking your hook to make sure it's firmly embedded in the plastic.

Otherwise, you'll snag onto one of the reed stalks and unless you have mighty strong line, you almost have to go in to get it un-snagged.

I had also noticed my hook kept coming out of the Brush Hog, and about every third flip, I'd have to re-insert the point back into the plastic.

I'd never had that happen before but I was so intent to get the bait back into the water, I just assumed it must have been a bad batch of plastic.

A few minutes later, my line started moving back towards the boat and as I tightened my line to set the hook, I reared back and the fight was on.

This fish was a little bigger and now that he was out in deeper water, away from the reeds, I let him take some line as I moved to the other side of the boat prepared to "lip" him.

One mighty jump, and again, he came unbuttoned three feet from the boat.

I couldn't believe it.

Two hits, two nice bass and I lost them both.

I looked at my hook and what remained of the Brush Hog and replaced it with a fresh one.

A dozen or so flips and a small 12-inch bass decided to take his chances.

I set the hook and pulled him into the air and the boat, where he quickly came unhooked and began flopping around in the bottom of the Ranger.

OK, now it was time to look at my bait again – something had to be wrong.

Upon closer examination, I quickly saw the problem.

The barb on the Owner hook was gone.

As I smacked myself on the forehead, it was pretty clear to me why I'd lost two bass and this last one had come unhooked when it landed in the boat – no barb on the hook!

You'd think I would have thought of that sooner, especially when the point of the hook wouldn't stay in the worm.

But, I was so anxious to get my bait back in the water, I didn't take the time to examine it closely.

With a new hook in place and a plastic blueberry Brush Hog Texas-rigged, I was ready to actually hook and land a bass.

I'd had enough of those quick releases.

The clouds were building as I landed another large-mouth, and this time I lipped him, brought him in the boat and grabbed my scales.

It wasn't a huge bass, but I was curious of the weight – 3-pounds, 9-ounces.

A nice tournament bass I thought, as I gently placed it back in the water and watched it swim off.

In the next hour, I caught four more bass, all around 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 pounds, and all on the Zoom Baby Brush Hog - Blueberry, plastic bait.

Not sure what it's supposed to be, but it's got a number of wiggly appendages that I'd guess drive bass wild.

All told, I went through almost two bags of these fantastic critters, as evidenced by the tangled bodies of the killer baits scattered on the deck of my boat.

The rain moved in and although it was a light rain, I could see the dark clouds to

the west so I decided to call it a day.

Ten minutes later, I got soaked at the boat ramp getting my boat up on the trailer.

My second trip last week was to Lake Glenada.

Again, a mid-day trip, only this time, it was raining when I went out.

No truck and trailers in the parking lot, so I was pleased that I'd have the lake all to myself.

Lake Glenada is one of my favorite lakes, or at least it used to be.

Now that the hydrilla has moved in around the reeds, flipping has become a bit more challenging.

But, it's close by and I figured I'd give it a try.

Rigging up one rod with a Bass Assassin Silver Phantom and the other with a Horny Toad, I thought I'd try running these baits back into the reeds and over the hydrilla, pausing to let the baits fall into holes on the retrieve back to the boat.

Ten minutes into the trip and I was rewarded with a nice two-pounder on my Bass Assassin, followed by three more in the next two dozen casts.

Most of the strikes came right at the edge of the reeds – where the reeds and the hydrilla meet, and most hit the bait seconds after it hit the water.

I fish the Bass Assassin pretty fast, making it hop and skip, creating movement of a lot of water across the surface.

I rig the bait with an Owner hook, tied to a six inch monofilament leader.

The leader is attached to my line with a swivel (not a snap swivel), which prevents line twist.

Since the bass weren't chasing the bait, but rather hitting it as soon as it landed, I decided to switch to a Horny Toad and slow things down.

That appeared to be a good decision since a hefty five-pound bass made lunch of my Horny Toad on the third cast.

The fish had beautiful color, not the dark green of a bass typically caught in shallow, weedy water, but more of a silver green, which indicated to me that this fish had probably just moved in from deeper water to feed.

Five-pounds, 3-ounces, my biggest fish of the week.

But only the first to fall prey to the Horny Toad.

As the sky opened up and the wind picked up, I was casting the Horny Toad into spots and just letting it sit there, as I occasionally twitched my rod tip.

The bass were certainly in there.

I must have had two dozen strikes over the next two hours, losing track of how many I landed and how many just blew up on the bait.

If anyone's wondering if Lake Glenada is worth a trip, it's certainly got my vote.

I didn't catch anything bigger than the five pounder but the fish I did catch were in excellent condition, great coloring with fat bellies.

Don Norton is a professional tournament bass fisherman, bass fishing guide, and custom rod builder. He has also taught a few fishing classes at the South Florida Community College. He lives in the Golf Hammock area of Sebring with his wife Lexie and is the owner of a custom rod building company appropriately named "The American Fisherman." He can be reached at 330-635-6682 or by email at donorton13@gmail.com. His website address is theamericanfisherman.com.

Lake June West

A Scramble was played Thursday, June 21.

Winning first place was the team of Norm Grubbs, Mario Cappelletti, John and Sue Ruffo and Betty Billau with 51; second place, Ken Rowen, John and Gloria Huggett and Larry Heath with 52; and third place, Dick and Norma Denhart, Frank Gallagher and Joanne McGill with 55.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 2, Betty Billau, 4-feet-2-inches; and No. 8, Charlotte Mathew, 10-feet. (Men), No. 4, Norm Grubbs, 3-feet-8-inches.

The Men's Association played a Men's League event on Wednesday, June 20.

Winning first place was the team of Dick Reaney, Mario Cappelletti and Norm Grubbs with 38; second place, Joe Swartz, Jack Maginnis, Don Boulton and Larry Heath with 43; and third place, Dick Denhart, Dave Colvin, John Russo and John Ruffo with 47.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Norm Grubbs, 28-feet-2-inches; and No. 8, Dick Reaney, 6-feet-5-inches.

Placid Lakes

Holes in one were recorded in back-to-back weeks at Placid Lakes Country Club recently.

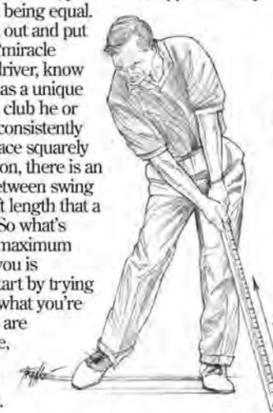
On Thursday, June 21, Matt Garcia used



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By Jim McLean, owner, Jim McLean Golf School, author of the best-selling books "The Slot Swing" and "The 8-Step Swing," illustrated by Phil Franke!

his five wood to cover the 167 yards and sink his shot into the cup at No. 6 during play in the Placid Lakes Men's Summer League.

Seven days earlier, on Thursday, June 14, Chris Hutchinson had pulled off the same feat when he took out his gap wedge on the 130-yard, 11th hole.

His shot stayed true, plopped onto the green and dropped into the cup for the shot of a lifetime.

Placid Lakes would like to congratulate Garcia and Hutchinson, both Lake Placid residents, on their aces.

AAA title goes to junior Dragons

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for the tying run and after neither team could score in the sixth, to extra innings it went.

Abe Cervera opened the top of the seventh with a sin-

gle, but was left stranded, giving the Dragons a chance to end it in the bottom of the frame.

Jackson Griffon got it started by drawing a walk and scampering to second when a pitch got away.

Now playing for that one, vital run, Izaiah Patterson was given the bunt sign and laid one down perfectly to move Griffon to third.

With the winning run perched just 60 feet away, Elijah Daley stepped to the

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HEALTHY LIVING

Excess weight creates excess estrogen and cancer risk

Dear Pharmacist: My sister and mother have both had breast cancer. So far I'm okay (but obviously worried). What is your number one recommendation for me since my genetics are bad. Thanks.

— K.B., Orlando

Answer: When it comes to breast health, your weight matters the most in my opinion. But another important factor is hormone balance. Let's start with weight. I do not know your particular size or weight, so I will speak from a general standpoint.

Those flabby abs and thighs can increase production of dangerous cancer-causing hormones, including estrogen. Clinical trials will often conclude that "estrogen promotes cell proliferation in breast tumors" which could also be stated this way: Fat causes cancer.

Fat cells hold on to estrogen, and estrogen drives certain cancers. Losing weight helps because because doing so, reduces estrogen load in the body, and this may slow growth of tumors (even before you find out they're in you).

Yes, even before diagnosed. Why wait for the cancer to be diagnosed.

Remember, tumors don't grow overnight, it has been growing for years, sometimes 10 to 20 years before it's picked up by an imaging scan.

Losing weight also works



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

because this lowers serum insulin, and high insulin is a risk factor in the development of cancer as well as other 30 other disabling medical conditions. You see, insulin increases an enzyme in your body called "aromatase enzyme. This is the same enzyme which converts testosterone and androstenedione to estrogen within the cells.

Remember, I just told you excessive estrogen fuels cancer growth.

I've posted an article I wrote on this at my website, just use my search box to find "Many Diseases Linked to High Insulin."

The point is losing weight is critical, and choosing good foods can help you regain your figure while slashing your risk of cancer. I think the best breast food you can eat is broccoli. This vegetable, as well as other crucifers (cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, turnips) have a positive impact on the way you break down your estrogen.

They benefit breast health

by reducing 4 and 16 estrogens (considered harmful) while increasing a protective, potent anti-cancer form of estrogen called 2-methoxyestradiol.

Supplements which increase production of this 2 estrogen are sold nationwide at health foods stores as "I3C" for indole-3-carbonol, or a related type which is better for people with low stomach acid called "DIM." Both I3C and DIM are proven to support breast and prostate health.

Natural iodine supplements can help this pathway too.

On my no-no list are fried or fast foods, any boxed, processed or heavily refined dinners, anything artificial as well as a diet high in refined sugar.

Coconut, olive, avocado and grape seed oil are all wonderful to include in your diet. Spices such as curcumin and saffron are powerful herbs you should eat frequently (or supplement with). And obviously, monitor your hormones with a urine analysis each year.

Suzy Cohen is a registered pharmacist and the author of 'The 24-Hour Pharmacist' and 'Real Solutions.' For more information, visit www.DearPharmacist.com. This information is not intended to treat, diagnose or cure your condition.



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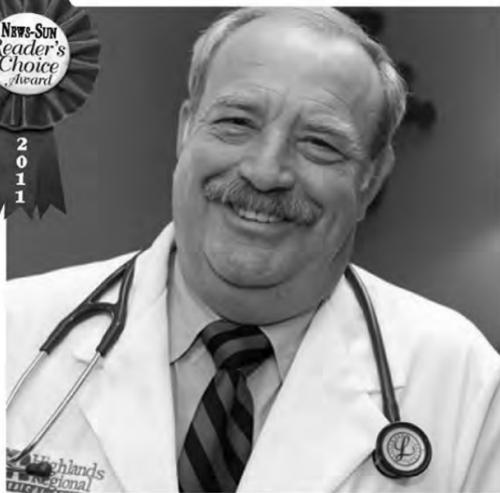
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Part of the Kruisin' 4 Kids volunteer group (from left to right): Tommy Turnbull, Greg Anderson, Jean Lund, Marie Anderson, Doug Gentry, Wayne Alford, Jamie Bateman, Lisa Jarrett and Christen Johnson.

Florida Hospital Foundation raises \$8,000 in Kruisin' 4 Kids Fundraiser at Jarrett Ford

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AVON PARK — In an effort to raise funds and awareness for its pediatric care unit, the Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center Foundation held a Kruisin' 4 Kids fundraiser with Bill Jarrett Ford of Avon Park.

For each of the 432 people who test drove a new Ford vehicle, Bill Jarrett Ford donated \$20 to the Foundation.

This is the fourth year the Foundation has paired with Bill Jarrett Ford to raise money for a hospital service line, the last three years benefited the Heart & Vascular Center.

Florida Hospital in Sebring has partnered with the Walt Disney Pavilion at Florida Hospital for Children in Orlando, to offer the best and most comprehensive care for families in the Heartland

Community. Through the efforts of Kruisin' 4 Kids and an 18-month Foundation campaign to raise more than \$200,000, Florida Hospital will offer an updated pediatric unit and expanded serv-

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HEALTHY LIVING

Dare to go bare this summer



Footprints
Dr. Olga Garcia-Luepschen

Florida summer months are guaranteed to be hot and humid. Because of this most people prefer wearing sandals such as flip-flops. However, for the person afflicted with nail fungus, summertime can be an embarrassing time of year.

Nail fungus (onychomycosis) is a fungal infection in one or more of your nails. It can begin with a white or yellow spot under the tip of your toenail. As the nail fungus spreads deeper into your nail, it may cause your nail to discolor, thicken and develop crumbling edges — an unsightly and potentially painful problem.

For those of you who have extremely thick distorted and discolored nails, it is recommended that you either cut or file away as much diseased nail as possible or better yet, consider seeing a podiatrist who will be able to remove most of the diseased nail in a painless procedure so that the medication can be more effective.

Aging is the most common risk factor for nail fungus for several reasons, including:

- Diminished blood circulation
- More years of exposure to fungi
- Nails may grow more slowly and thicken with age, making them more susceptible to infection

Other factors that can



Wearing flip-flops can be embarrassing to somebody with nail fungus

increase your risk of developing nail fungus include:

- Perspiring heavily
- Working in a humid or moist environment
- Having the skin condition psoriasis
- Wearing socks and shoes that hinder ventilation and don't absorb perspiration
- Walking barefoot in damp public places, such as swimming pools, gyms and shower rooms
- Having athlete's foot.
- Having a minor nail injury, a damaged nail, or another infection
- Having diabetes, circulation problems or a weakened immune system
- Getting pedicures at non-sanitary salons

The gold standard treatment of onychomycosis is the use of oral anti-fungal medication, the most popular being Lamisil tablets.

Lamisil is only taken once a day for 90 days. For some

people, Lamisil is not an option because effects on the liver or kidney, so obviously people with severe liver disease or kidney disease would not be candidates for Lamisil. In these individuals topical application of medically prescribed anti-fungal medication is a viable option.

Over-the-counter topical medication typically are not effective. The downside of topical antifungals is it takes a while for the nails to totally clear up. Your podiatrist will discuss with you the most effective and safe treatment. Additionally antifungal foot soap, and shoe spray will be started to help you get rid of this contagious problem. This summertime there is still time for your feet to dare to go bare without embarrassment.

Podiatrist Olga Garcia Luepschen and the Gentle Foot Care Center on U.S. 27 can be reached at 863-314-9255 and www.Gentlefootcarecenter.com/. This information is not intended to diagnose, treat or cure your condition.

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- Ken Peck
Florida Hospital Heart & Vascular Center Patient

Saving lives, Close to Home.

In 2009, Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center opened the Heart & Vascular Center in Sebring, more than 1,350 of our Heartland neighbors have received either elective angioplasty to prevent or emergency intervention to stop a heart attack. We offer experienced clinical teams providing lightning fast care with the latest technology for your best chance of survival and recovery.

With his new pacemaker, Ken puts his heart into every swing.

Ken had no symptoms, but he just didn't feel right. He woke his wife, took his blood pressure and it was through the roof. They called 911 and when he came to Florida Hospital, the team was ready and quickly put in a pacemaker. The doctor said listening to his body saved Ken's life. Ken was brought to Florida Hospital, the only Certified Chest Pain Center in the Heartland.

Technology.

The Florida Hospital Heart & Vascular Center offers two state-of-the-art cath labs, plans are in progress for a third Cath Lab, one a Siemens lab and the other a Phillips lab. Both are fully equipped and ready 24/7 to treat emergent and elective angioplasties. Angioplasty is a non-surgical procedure used to widen narrowed or obstructed blood vessels using a balloon catheter, opening up the blood vessel for improved flow, and is often followed by a stent (wire mesh tube) placement. Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center is the only Level 1 hospital in Florida that offers Impella, a left ventricle assist device that provides life saving measures.

The center is also the only Level 1 with rotablator, this catheter-based procedure is a minimally invasive treatment used to pulverize hardened plaque within the coronary artery.

Who can say a refrigerator magnet saved their life? Gloria can.

"It seemed as if there were thousands of them... so in control, so kind, so compassionate... like angels around me, & Dr. Wittum was the head angel!"
- Gloria Coffey

Lunch Club Wednesday meets monthly and enjoys stimulating speakers. A Florida Hospital nurse was presenting during Heart Month, offering information on symptoms of a heart attack, informing them about the new Heart & Vascular Center, and providing a reminder magnet for the fridge. Early one morning, Gloria felt the symptoms she had seen so often on that magnet. She followed the instructions to call 9-1-1 and told them she was having a heart attack. Fortunately for Gloria, Florida Hospital performed an angioplasty and was able to treat her right there, right then.



GLORIA COFFEY
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RELIGION

Atonement Lutheran Church - ELCA

SEBRING — The fifth Sunday after Pentecost worship service with (open) Holy Communion will be led by Deacon David Thoresen. Sermon will be based on the Gospel reading of Mark 5:21-34.

The Labyrinth Prayer Garden is open to the public, as well as church members seven days a week.

Avon Park Church of the Nazarene

AVON PARK — Sunday morning, the Avon Park Church of the Nazarene's worship service will have guest minister Chaplain David L. Cowles providing special music, "It's Time to Pray" and he will also preach on "Hope for the Lord to Heal our Land" based upon Psalm 33:12, 20-22 and II Chronicles 7:14.

For more information, call the church at 453-4851.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

SEBRING — Pastor Scott McLean will be preaching a sermon entitled "Waiting for the Lord."

The church is at 1320 C.R. 64, east of the Avon Park High School. For more information, call 471-2663 or visit www.christluther-anavonpark.org/.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "God." The keynote is from Job 22:21, "Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace..."

The church is at 146 N. Franklin Street.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "Battle Plans" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is studying the Gospel of John.

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING — The Church of Buttonwood Bay meets each Sunday in the clubhouse. This Sunday will feature a patriotic theme, with Pastor Cecil Hess speaking on "Jesus Christ is Our Statue of Liberty."

The service is non-denomina-

tional and open to all. Buttonwood Bay is on U.S. 27, four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Call 382-1737.

Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — Wednesday evening mid-week Bible study is an informal setting with open discussion currently looking at the Epistle to the Ephesians.

Sunday morning worship celebration is a blend of contemporary and traditional styles of worship music. Communion is offered weekly. The Agape Cafe is open for coffee and snacks.

Eastside Christian Church is at 101 Peace Ave. in Lake Placid, two miles east of U.S. 27 on C.R. 621. Call 465-7065.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon, "Hope Amidst Hopelessness" with Scripture taken from Mark 5:21-43.

The church is 1.7 miles west of U.S. 27 on County Road 634 (Hammock Road). Call 471-1999 or visit www.sebringemmanuelucc.com/.

First Baptist Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — Rev. Jon Beck is senior pastor.

The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave. For more information, call 453-6681 or e-mail info@fbcap.net.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Juanita Roberts and Anna Coley. Communion will be served by Jayne Weldy, Catherine Baker, Carol Chandler and Effie Simmonds.

Pastor Ron's sermon is titled, "Freedom in Christ," taken from Galatians 5:1-6.

For any additional information, call the church office at 385-0352. The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, Pastor Bob Johnson returns to the pulpit after shoulder surgery.

Holy Communion will be observed during the worship serv-

ice.

Special music will be provided by Margaret Phillips singing "In Remembrance."

Members are asked to bring non-perishable items for the Church Service Center.

Sunday school is available for all ages. The adult class will continue their series entitled "Faith Lessons on the Promised Land" sponsored by Focus on the family. These lessons are filmed on location in Israel and narrated by historian/teacher Ray Vander Laan. Sunday's lesson is entitled "Confronting Evil." Wendy Garcia teaches the youth class and they discuss how the Bible applies to issues today.

On July 4, the church will have its first Annual Fourth of July Festival from 5-8 p.m. There will be a bounce house, inflatable slide, crafts, Bible stories, face painting and balloon animals! Hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, sno-cones, cookies and water will be available free of charge. For further information, call the church office or email arpchurch@embraqmail.com or visit www.avonparkarpchurch.org/.

The church is at 215 E. Circle Street (with two entrances on Lagrande Street). Call 453-3242.

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

Places to Worship is a paid advertisement in the *News-Sun* that is published Friday and Sunday. To find out more information on how to place a listing in this directory, call the *News-Sun* at 385-6155, ext. 502.

APOSTOLIC

■ **Greater Faith Apostolic Church**, 24 Rainer Drive, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Invites you to come worship with us in spirit and truth at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. For information contact (239) 671-0390. Pastor Travis Vanderford.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way, Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshiping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

■ **First Assembly of God**, 4301 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring. The Rev. Wilmont McCrary, pastor. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship and KIDS Church, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Wednesday Family Night, (Adult Bible Study), LIFE Youth Group, Royal Rangers, Missionettes, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-6431.

BAPTIST

■ **Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church**, 2600 N. Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. George Hall, Pastor. Christ centered and biblically based. Sunday worship services, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available. Bible studies at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. are centered for all ages. Choir practice at 5 p.m. Sunday. Church phone: 452-6556.

■ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catalyst class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.

■ **Faith Missionary Baptist Church**, off State Road 17 North of Sebring at 1708 LaGrange Ave. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Service, 7 p.m. Deaf interpretation available. Ken Lambert, Pastor. Phone 386-5055.

■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellowship.org; Web site, www.apfellowship.org.

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 8:30 a.m. orchestra rehearsal; 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Children's Church; 6 p.m. evening worship. Wednesday schedule: 5:15 p.m. supper; 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6:30 p.m.

Adult Choir Practice; 6 p.m. children's choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. mission programs. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Call 453-6681 for details.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine**, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring (just off U.S. 27 midway between Sebring and Lake Placid). Your place for family, friends and faith. Sunday morning worship service is 11 a.m. Nursery is provided for both services with Children's Church at 11 a.m. Life changing Bible Study for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m. Associate Pastor Allen Altvater leads the youth in their quest to become more like Christ. Sunday night worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7 p.m. along with youth worship in the youth facility, and missions training for all children. Call the church at 655-1524.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Placid**, Knowing God's Heart and Sharing God's Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Website: www.fbclp.com. Email: information@fbclp.com. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Senior Sunday Night at 6 p.m. Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. The church is at 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid. For information, call 465-3721 or go to www.fbclp.com.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lorida** located right on U.S. 98 in Lorida. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Preschool care is provided at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m., followed by adult choir rehearsal. From September the AWANA groups meet. First Lorida is the "Place to discover God's love." For more information about the church or the ministries offered, call 655-1878.

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delp, associate pastor, minister of youth and activities; and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

■ **Florida Avenue Baptist Church**, 401 S. Florida Ave., Avon Park. Mailing address is 710 W. Bell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Telephone, 453-5339. Rev. John D. Girdley, pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. Children's Church; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs for children, youth and adults at 7 p.m.

■ **Independent Baptist Church**, 5704 County Road 17 South, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening, 6 p.m. Wednesday service, 7 p.m. Fundamental, soul-winning, mission-minded, King James Bible Church. Larry Ruse, pastor. Phone 655-1899. Bus transportation.

■ **Leisure Lakes Baptist Church**, 808 Gardena St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

■ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Arbuckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

■ **Parkway Free Will Baptist Church**, 3413 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Welcome to the church where the "Son" always shines. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday Evening Worship, 7 p.m. End-of-the-Month-Sing at 6 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month. The Rev. J.S. Scaggs, pastor. Church phone: 382-3552. Home phone: 214-3025. Affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tenn.

■ **Sparta Road Baptist Church, (SBC)** 4400 Sparta Road. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer/Bible Study, 6 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-0869.

■ **Southside Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

■ **Spring Lake Baptist Church**, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610. Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available for all services.

■ **Sunridge Baptist Church, (SBC)** 3704 Valerie Blvd. (U.S. 27 and Valerie, across from Florida Hospital), Sebring. Tim Finch, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; and Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer, Bible Study, and Youth, 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-3695.

CATHOLIC

■ **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**, 595 East Main St., Avon Park, 453-4757. Father Nicholas McLoughlin, pastor. Saturday Vigil Mass is 4 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish; Sunday mass 8 and 10:30 a.m. in English. Weekday mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Religious Education Classes are 9:10-20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 8th. Confirmation class is from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday. Youth Nights grades 6th and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday.

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049; fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Decons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. CONFESSIO: First Friday 7:15-7:45 a.m.; Saturday 3:34-5 p.m.; Or by appointment with any priest. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.; Sunday: 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday Spanish Mass: noon; Last Sunday of the month: 2 p.m. (Creole/French); Sunday Family Mass

5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center). DAILY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. and noon; Saturday: 9 a.m.

■ **St. James Catholic Church**, 3380 Placidview Drive, Lake Placid, 465-3215. Father Michael J. Cannon. Mass schedule: Summer (May 1 to Oct. 31) - Saturday Vigil, 4 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Weekdays, 9 a.m. December thru Easter - Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Weekdays 9 a.m.; and Holy Days 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., first Saturday at 9 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

■ **Cornerstone Christian Church**, 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825 (Saxon Hall in Reflection Community). Bill Raymond, Minister. Sunday, 10 a.m. Worship; Communion is available each week. Thursday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. Our goal is: Love Christ - Love People. For more information call 453-7679 or 453-8929.

■ **Eastside Christian Church**, 101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621), 465-7065. Ray Culpepper, senior pastor. Sunday: Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Celebration with the Lord's Supper each week 10:15 a.m. Thelma Hall, organist; and Pat Hjort, pianist. Wednesday: Praise and Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; "Building God's Kingdom for Everyone." "Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth and Life!" "Alive and Worth the Drive!"

■ **Sebring Christian Church**, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; David Etherton, Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m.; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men's grief support group, meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

■ **First Christian Church**, 1016 W. Camphor St., Avon Park, FL 33825; (863) 453-5334; on the Web at www.firstchristianap.com. Our motto is "Jesus is First at First Christian Church." Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday studies for all ages, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for all events.

■ **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 510 Poinsettia Avenue, (corner of Poinsettia and Eucalyptus), Sebring, FL 33870. Phone: 385-0358 or 385-3435. The Rev. Ronald Norton, Pastor; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Praise Breakfast, 10 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Praise and Worship, 6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.; Midweek Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

■ **The Alliance Church of Sebring**, 4451 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875. Call 382-1343. Rev. Steve Hagen, pastor. Sunday services: Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service meets at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. (off site); Wednesday Prayer Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church**, 146 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after

church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

■ **Church of the Brethren**, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday: Church School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday: Temple Choir, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-1597.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Avon Park Church of Christ**, 200 S. Forest Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Minister: Don Smith. Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available at every service. Bible Study: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible centered classes for all ages. Church phone: 453-4692.

■ **Lake Placid Church of Christ**, 1069 Hwy 27 North, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1440, Lake Placid, FL 33862. Jimmy Goins, pastor. Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. Sunday evening worship is 6 p.m. Bible class 9 a.m. Sundays and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. All are invited to join us. For more information, call the church at 863-465-4636 or visit the website <http://www.thelordsway.com/lakeplacid-cofc/>.

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. Minister: Kevin Patterson. Times of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Class, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

■ **First Church of the Nazarene of Avon Park**, P.O. Box 1118., Avon Park, FL 33825-1118. 707 W. Main St. Randall Rupert, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages; morning worship at 10:45 a.m.; and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 7 p.m. with special services for children and adults. Special services once a month for seniors (Prime Time) and Ladies ministries. If you need any more information, call 453-4851.

■ **First Church of the Nazarene of Lake Placid**, 512 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. Classes for adult children and youth. Call 465-6916. Pastor Tim Taylor.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

■ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Don Seymour, Senior Pastor. Phone 452-0088.

RELIGION

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SEBRING — “Something Everyone Can Do” is the title of this Sunday morning’s sermon given by guest speaker, the Rev. Cecil Hess.

Summer Camp will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., daily (except Wednesday, July 4). Registration is required. Call 385-0107.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The church will have a guest speaker this Sunday and communion will be served July 8.

United Methodist Women will meet for lunch on Tuesday, July 3 at 11:30 a.m. Call for reservations.

Wednesday is Family Night with food, fun and Bible study.

Listen Live on WITS-AM 1340 each Sunday to hear the worship service.

Call the church office for information at 385-5184. The church is downtown at 126 South Pine St. The website is www.sebringfirstumc.com/.

Grace Pointe Church

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Church is at 200 Lark Ave., Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse.

Tuesday home Bible study continues “Seeing What Abraham Saw,” Genesis 22. For the kids, Bible Study and Crafts. For directions, call (863) 658-2534.

Sunday, the pastor continues the series “Battleground.” How do the battles in the Bible relate to our lives today? How can we learn from them to come away from our battles in victory? For the kids, Bible Study and crafts.

Friday night Bible Study with GoToMeting. Let Pastor know via e-mail at gracepointecog@comcast.net for setup. Ustream available (live or 24/7) of all services in Sebring. Log on to ustream.tv and then enter gracepointetv in the search box. Visit us at www.gracepointeministries.net. To receive the weekly blog log on at Ron-grace-points.blogspot.com.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore’s sermon this Sunday will be “God Bless America” with

RELIGION GUIDELINES: The *News-Sun* publishes religion news on Fridays.

The submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in the following Friday’s paper.

Submit items to the *News-Sun*’s from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; fax to 385-2453; send e-mail to editor@newssun.com; or mail to Lifestyle Editor, *News-Sun*, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870. For information, call 385-6155, ext. 516.

Scripture from I Timothy 2:1-6. Communion is offered during the service weekly.

The service will also include Darlene Gardner singing “America.”

Mark your calendars now: North American Christian Convention at Orlando Marriott is July 10-13 and vacation Bible school is Aug. 6-10, 5-8 p.m.

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South in Sebring (behind Publix). Call 314-9693.

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Youth Group will serve a pancake breakfast at the Lighthouse from 8-10 a.m. to raise money for their Missions trip to West Virginia. Cost is \$5 per person.

Guest preacher, Rev. John Bryant will preach at the summer

Heritage Worship Service and the Celebration Worship Service. Communion will be observed at each service.

Pastor Claude Burnett will preach at the New Song contemporary Service in Rob Reynolds Hall, with communion being observed.

Youth will have a Wet and Messy Game Night from 5-7 p.m. Youth are to wear old clothes for this event.

The Church is at 500 Kent Ave. For information, please call 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson “Administering Justice” is taken from I Samuel 7. Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the Sunday morning and evening messages.

The Wednesday evening service

will be praise, prayer and Bible study.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Sunday, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro, Jr. will bring the message “Who Do You Call To?” Biblical reference is from Psalm 130.

Communion will be served. Nursery is provided at all services.

The Church of the Way EFCA

SEBRING — Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum’s message is “Quiet Time. What is That?”

Monday, July 2, at 6:30 p.m. is Night of Prophecy at Homer’s with Pastor Buxbaum. How does God treat nations who do not bless Israel?

Difference Makers Youth meet Wednesday evenings with Zac Tsai.

The church is at 1005 North Ridgewood Drive. Church phone is 471-6140. Pastor’s cell is 273-3674. For information and the pastor’s messages, go to www.theway-church.org/.

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

■ **St. Agnes Episcopal Church**, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Midweek service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. The nursery is open 8:45 a.m. until 15 minutes after the 10 a.m. service ends. Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. The Rev. Jim Kurtz, rector. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Episcopal Church**, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Thursday: Holy Communion with healing service, 9 a.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

■ **The Church of the Way EFCA**, 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God’s Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children’s church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way - A place for you. Office Phone: 471-6140, Church Cell Phone: 273-3674. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

GRACE BRETHREN

■ **Grace Brethren Church**, 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer “Kid City” Children’s Ministry throughout all services, and there are various other classes for teens, married couples, “prime-timers,” and Bible studies in Spanish. “Kid City” Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at www.sebring-grace.org.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

■ **World Harvest and Restoration Ministries**, (non-denominational) 2200 N. Avon Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 452-9777 or 453-3771. Sunday service: Sunday School, 10 a.m. and worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday services: 7 p.m. prayer meeting/Bible study. Pastor: W.H. Rogers.

LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each

month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

■ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park - LCMS**, 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

■ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Traditional Worship service, 8 a.m. Sunday; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes: 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith’s Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches**, 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-2346.

■ **New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Brian Klebig at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlife-sebring.com.

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday school at 8:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Preschool director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy

Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men’s Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church**, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:30 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

■ **Calvary Church**, 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

■ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.**, on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children’s church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

■ **Grace Bible Church**, 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children’s & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

■ **Highlands Community Church**, a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid’s World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.

■ **The Lord’s Sentinel Fellowship Church**, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid (at Lake Placid Christian School), Pastor Juanita Folsom. Sunday morning service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Sentinel School of Theology, 7 p.m.; Church service, Tuesday, 7 p.m. More information at www.juanitafolsomministries.com.

■ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at

6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children’s church on Saturday night and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weare-union.org.

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre**, new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children’s Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun ‘N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Informal service, 8 a.m.; traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children’s/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net; Web site: www.cpcsebring.org. Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

■ **First Presbyterian Church ARP**, 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on LaGrande), Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 453-3242. The Rev. Robert Johnson is the pastor. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. third Wednesday; choir practice, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday; Mary Circle business meeting, 1 p.m. second Wednesday; Sarah Circle business meeting, 4 p.m. second Tuesday; Women’s Ministries Combined Bible study, 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@htn.net. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Summer Camp (middle school), 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpcjp.com, 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Traditional Worship 9 a.m., Contemporary Worship 11 a.m., Sunday School for adults to grade school will be from 10:10-10:50 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult Bible Study (7 p.m.), Youth Group - (Middle and High School), (7 p.m.), RockSolid (Kindergarten through fifth grade) 7 p.m. Bible Counseling available by appointment, 699-0132. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while

young children up to second grade have a special Children’s Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

■ **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA)**, 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacons meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

■ **Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church**, 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: avonparksda@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul Boling. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is www.discoverjesus.org

■ **Sebring Seventh-Day Adventist Church**, 2106 N. State Road 17, Sebring; 385-2438. Worship Services: 9:15 a.m. Worship hour, 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Community service: every Monday 9-11 a.m. Health Seminar with Dr. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Amado Luzbet.

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army - Center for Worship**. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women’s Ministries, 7 p.m.; Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit

the Web site www.salvationarmysebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

■ **First United Methodist Church**, 105 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. The Rev. A.C. Bryant, pastor. Traditional Worship Service at 8:10 and 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary, Contemporary Worship in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Sundays with Rick Heilig, youth director. The 10:55 a.m. Sunday worship service is broadcast over WITS 1340 on AM dial. There is a nursery available at all services.

■ **First United Methodist Church**, 200 South Lake Avenue, Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, R. James Weiss, Pastor, Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 2 p.m. for women who love God and crocheting. Visit us at our church Web site: www.fumcap.org.

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church**, 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball, pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Middle School Youth, 4 p.m.; High School Youth, 5:30 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. Church office, 465-2422 or www.memorialumc.com. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to grade 5; 465-0313.

■ **St. John United Methodist Church**, 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. www.stjohnsebring.org

■ **Spring Lake United Methodist Church**, 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ**, Jesus didn’t reject people, neither do we. Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and you’ll be embraced by a compassionate congregation that is all-inclusive. We’re at the corner of Hammock and Hope. Choir and Bell Choir practice on Wednesday; Bible studies throughout the week. 471-1999; sebringemmanuelucc.com.

RELIGION

Sunridge youth reschedule car wash

SEBRING — The youth of the Sunridge Baptist Church church will have a rescheduled car wash from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday to raise funds for church events in which the youth are participating.

The adult choir of Sunridge Baptist Church will present a patriotic musical "Our Hands Across Our Hearts" (by Lowell Alexander and Claire Cloninger, arranged by Camp Kirkland) on Sunday, July 1, during the morning worship service beginning at 10:45 a.m.

Attention, boys and girls! You're clear for takeoff at "Amazing Wonders Aviation." Kids will takeoff from Worship at the Worship Rally Hangar and make their first stop at the stunning Victoria Falls for Bible study. While flying around the world, kids will also visit: Snacks at the Paricutin Volcano; Missions Under the Northern Lights; Music at the Matterhorn; Recreation at the Grand Canyon; and Crafts at the Great Barrier Reef. It's Vacation Bible School at Sunridge Baptist Church like you've never experienced before. Children ages 3 through grade six are admitted free beginning on Sunday, July 8 and extending through Friday, July 13 at 6 p.m.

Pre-registration will be on Sunday, July 8, at 5:30 p.m.

Sunridge Baptist Church is at 3704 Valerie Blvd. directly across U.S. 27 from Florida Hospital, Heartland Division. Call the church office at 382-3695.

Church to host July 4th festival

AVON PARK — The First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park would like to invite the

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community to its first annual Fourth July Festival which will take place on Wednesday, July 4, at the church grounds overlooking beautiful Lake Verona.

There will be a bounce house, inflatable slide, crafts, Bible stories, face painting and balloon animals! Hot-dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, sno-cones, cookies and water will be available free of charge. The festival will take place from 5-8 p.m., with the Avon Park Fireworks display to follow. The church is at 215 E. Circle Street on the north side of Lake Verona.

For further information, call the church at 453-3242, e-mail arpchurch@embarq-mail.com or visit www.avonparkchurch.org/.

Steinberg in concert on Freedom Sunday

LAKE PLACID — He's called The Tiny Giant. Jeff Steinberg, born without arms and with badly deformed legs, will share this Sunday in music and personal testimony during the worship service at Leisure Lakes Baptist Church. His message is that "no obstacle is too great to overcome."

Steinberg has shared his message on numerous TV talk and variety shows including The National Easter Seal Telethon with Pat Boone. He has performed with Tony Orlando, Monte Hall and Sammy Davis Jr.

Following the service there will be a brief dedication of three new flagpoles recently donated to the church.

Everyone is invited to stay for hamburgers and hotdogs in the fellowship hall immediately following the dedication.

The church is at the western end of Lake June. From U.S. 27 take Lake June Road to Miller, turning north on Wildflower. For further information contact the church office at 699-0671.

Trinity Tots helps Haiti orphanage

LAKE PLACID — Trinity Tots Preschool joined with other Lutheran preschools through high schools in the Florida-Georgia District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to raise \$18,663 this year as part of their Hearts for Haiti three-year mission initiative.

Year one raised \$32,450 to repair of boys' orphanage and buy and equip a mobile medical bus for Haiti. This year's goal is to start building a new girls' orphanage in Poto, Haiti.

The families at Trinity Tots spend the month of February collecting coins that they find in the dryer, under the sofa cushions, at the bottom of purses, or just giving out of their own generosity to a special "Hearts for Jesus" Mission Project. Because of the devastating earthquake in Haiti several years ago, the Lutheran schools decided to focus their mission projects on Haiti for three years. "It teaches the children about caring and giving to those less fortunate than themselves," said director Susan Norris.

Trinity Tots Preschool is in its 24th year of educating young children in the community. Their center accepts 3-year-olds and VPK students. There are only a few openings left for the 2012-13 school year. For more information or to enroll your child, please call the school office at 465-6313. They are at 25 Lakeview St. in Lake Placid.

ENTERTAINMENT

Ephron blazed trail in male-dominated industry

By CHRISTY LEMIRE

AP Movie Critic

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Before Nancy Meyers, before Sofia Coppola, before Julie Delpy and Kasi Lemmons and Nicole Holofcener, there was Nora Ephron.

She was a rare woman writing and directing in what was (and still is) the male-dominated industry of filmmaking. Ephron staked out her spot on the cinematic landscape with a distinctive voice and formidable wit. Now, she leaves behind a legacy of classic moments and quotable lines after succumbing to leukemia Tuesday at age 71.

The very mention of her name calls to mind a certain kind of movie, something you can't say about many filmmakers, regardless of their gender. They were romantic comedies, yes, but ones for smart women, about smart women, with characters who had both bite and vulnerability to them. Maybe they were a tad too hyper-analytical or neurotic but they were always highly verbal and, more often than not, destined for the kind of happy ending they deserved.

Meg Ryan forged and reinforced her status as America's Sweetheart with roles in movies Ephron



Nora Ephron, 71, died Tuesday from leukemia.

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either wrote or wrote and directed: The best of these was 1989's "When Harry Met Sally ..." (directed by Rob Reiner), followed by "Sleepless in Seattle" in 1993 and "You've Got Mail" in 1998, both with Tom Hanks in winning form as Ryan's likable everyman co-star.

Decades later, you can still say the line, "I'll have what she's having," and everyone will instantly know what you're talking about. That's how lasting Ephron's work has been and will remain.

Back in the late '80s and early '90s, Kathryn Bigelow was a rare fellow female filmmaker — and since has gone on to become the only

woman to win an Academy Award for best director, for "The Hurt Locker" — but she's focused on action pictures. Barbra Streisand also tried her hand at directing around this time with "Yentl," "The Prince of Tides" and "The Mirror Has Two Faces." But Ephron continued on and endured, for better and for worse.

If we're being honest, some of her later work didn't come close to the level of her best-known and best-loved films. "Hanging Up" from 2000, which she and sister Delia co-wrote and star Diane Keaton directed, felt shrill and slapsticky. "Bewitched" (2005), a big-screen version of the 1960s sitcom which she directed, wrote and produced, seemed like a gimmicky strain.

But her final film, 2009's "Julie & Julia," ended her career on a stronger note. Ephron directed Meryl Streep to one of her 17 Academy Award nominations for her joyous, pitch-perfect portrayal of pioneering chef Julia Child. And it was Streep who would play a version of Ephron herself in one of the earliest films she wrote, 1986's "Heartburn," based on her novel inspired by her marriage to Washington Post reporter Carl Bernstein.

German court: Circumcision on Jewish boys is assault

BERLIN (AP) — A German court has ruled that circumcising Jewish boys amounts to bodily harm even if parents consent to the procedure.

The state court in Cologne said the child's right to physical integrity trumps freedom of religion and parents' rights, German news agency dapd reported Tuesday.

The case involved a doctor accused of car-

rying out a circumcision on a 4-year-old that led to medical complications. The doctor was acquitted, however, and prosecutors said they won't appeal.

The president of Germany's Central Council of Jews, Dieter Graumann, called the ruling "unprecedented and insensitive."

He urged parliament to clarify the legal situation.

CONTEST! FOR THE KIDS!

With the 4th of July holiday coming up, the News-Sun has a fun challenge for the children. We would like to ask the children to do a short essay for us telling us what "Freedom" means to them. We want to print these essays in the newspaper and we will ask the VFW to vote on the essays. The winner will have a prize as a token of our appreciation for putting so much thought and hard work into each essay.

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DIVERSIONS

Garfield a restless, reckless 'Spider-Man'

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

It's impossible to avoid the comparisons, so we may as well just get them out of the way early so we can move on.

"The Amazing Spider-Man" — a reboot? Prequel? New chapter? It's hard to decide what to call it — is pretty much different in every way from the staggeringly successful Marvel Comics-inspired trilogy that preceded it.

The basics are the same: A high school kid gets bitten by a scientifically modified spider, discovers he has new-found super powers, decides to use them as a vigilante crime fighter and takes to the streets of New York in an unforgettingly tight red-and-blue suit.

But in terms of tone, characters, performances and even visual effects, "The Amazing Spider-Man" feels like its own separate entity. It may not be as transporting or genre-altering an experience as those earlier films, especially the first two, but it finds a distinct voice. And a great deal of that has to do with the central performance from Andrew Garfield as Peter Parker.

In the hands of Tobey Maguire, who originated the role in "Spider-Man" a decade ago, Peter was nerdy, scrawny, insecure — that's how his everyman relatability manifested itself. Garfield plays Peter as more of a misunderstood outsider, a rebel with a chip on his shoulder, a guy who wasn't afraid to stand up to the class bully even before he underwent his transformation. And that slightly arrogant attitude gives the whole movie a restless, reckless energy and a welcome sense of danger.

At the helm, Marc Webb is a very different sort of director. He may not have sounded like the most obvi-



Columbia Pictures

Andrew Garfield stars as Peter Parker/Spider-Man in 'The Amazing Spider-Man.'

ous choice for a hugely anticipated blockbuster based on his only previous feature, the romantic comedy charmer "(500) Days of Summer." His big set pieces may lack some of the imagination that director Sam Raimi brought previously, but they'll do. More importantly, though, he conveys an emotional truth, a pervasive sense of humanity, which may be an even tougher feat in this kind of fantastical scenario.

Webb's deft touch is especially clear in the scenes between Garfield and Emma Stone as Peter's classmate Gwen Stacy, who has to be the cutest, best-dressed science geek on the planet. (In this version of the "Spider-Man" universe, we must be pre-Mary Jane Watson.) Stone radiates the cute, bright, quick-witted presence we've come to know and love in films like "Easy A" and "Crazy Stupid Love," and she and Garfield have a sweetly flirty chemistry. (The scene where he finally asks her out without really



Movie Review

'The Amazing Spider-Man'

Rating: PG-13 (sequences of action and violence)

Running time: 138 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)

asking her out is adorably awkward.) But there's depth and sensitivity there, too, since she's the only one who knows his secret for a long time.

The script from James Vanderbilt, Steve Kloves and veteran Alvin Sargent begins when Peter was a boy. A sudden threat forces his parents to leave him with his Uncle Ben (Martin Sheen)

and Aunt May (Sally Field) before disappearing forever. As Peter grows into a teenager, he begins to ask questions about who they were — especially his mysterious scientist father (Campbell Scott). (If you hadn't noticed, it's a great supporting cast. All these longtime actors show what total pros they are by finding just the right balance in tone and never over- or under-playing their parts.)

This brings him to the gleaming high-rise where his father's former partner, Dr. Curt Connors (Rhys Ifans), is deeply involved in some groundbreaking — and unproven — genetic research. When Connors finally tests his latest formula on himself, the results don't exactly turn out the way he (or the unsuspecting residents of Manhattan) might have hoped. The destruction he causes in his altered state, and Spider-Man's attempts to stop him from causing even more, provide the basis for the obligatory noisy showdowns.

Parents setting up son's love life win scant praise

Dear Abby: My sister has decided to let her 14-year-old son have a girlfriend. This is contrary to every value we grew up with as kids into adulthood.

She has met the girl's parents and says they "immediately clicked" and she knew right away that they share the same morals. The parents now set up situations where the two kids can get together. Not only have my nephew and the girl bonded, but the parents have become fast friends.

I see no problem with a little puppy love that happens in school, but is it asking for trouble when parents start to create dating situations when kids are so young? What happens if they are eventually allowed to be alone? Or one of them wants to break up but is afraid to hurt not only the other, but also the parents?

My sister says she's "guiding her son through his first romance." I say an eighth-grader is too young and she's inviting a myriad of problems. We have fought over this because she says I'm not being "flexible" and because this hasn't happened to my child yet. I offered my opinion only after I was asked what I thought of my nephew's girlfriend after she posted pictures on the Internet. Am I right to think this is crazy, Abby?

— *Sane Aunt in Georgia*

Dear Sane Aunt: Let's just say it is ill-advised rather than crazy. But I agree that your sister is headed for trouble because she isn't allowing her son's "first romance" to develop naturally.

First love often peaks and burns out quickly. When there are two sets of intermeshed parents involved, it can lead to lasting hurt feelings and sometimes enmity.

However, if you think your sister is going to listen to either of us, you're dreaming. So quit offering unsolicited advice and stay tuned for what's coming because there are lessons to be learned for everyone involved.

Dear Abby: I am getting married this year and I'd like to challenge the notion



Dear Abby

that it's rude to ask for gifts toward a honeymoon or other big-ticket items such as home improvements or a car. My fiance and I own our home and we don't need a lot of the traditional items couples receive at their wedding.

Our families have been very understanding, but I'm sick to death of hearing or reading that it's rude to ask for money. Shouldn't wedding guests be happy to celebrate the couple in a way that they need and not force them to register for a bunch of material things they won't use?

— *Already Has A Blender*

Dear Already: Your question is very common. I receive variations on this theme in every batch of mail that arrives.

It is considered rude to ask for money on a wedding INVITATION, just as it is considered rude for brides and grooms to raise the subject themselves. When a wedding invitation is accepted, the guests usually contact whoever issued the invitation to inquire where the couple is registered. Once asked, it is then appropriate to reply, "They're not registered for gifts because they already have everything they need, but monetary gifts would be appreciated."

Some couples set up financial registries for this purpose with their bank or other financial institution, and there are also honeymoon registries and charitable gift registries if guests would prefer to donate to a worthy cause chosen by the happy couple.

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Substance, sex appeal mix in 'Magic Mike'

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

Steven Soderbergh makes movies about sexy subjects, then strips away the sexiness about them. He is fascinated by process, often to a clinical extent.

Now he's directed "Magic Mike," about the cheesy world of male stripping at a cheesy club in Tampa.

Yes, the dance numbers themselves exude masculine, muscular heat — how could they not with guys like Channing Tatum, Matthew McConaughey, Alex Pettyfer and Joe Manganiello strutting on stage in barely-there costumes?

But Soderbergh and writer Reid Carolin take us behind the scenes and linger over the minutiae of these performers' daily lives. They go through shopping. They rehearse their routines. They lift weights backstage. And they count their dollar bills when "It's Raining Men" has stopped blaring from the sound system and their work is done. Even the after-hours hook-ups with liquored-up ladies from the audience feel like one more obligatory step, like brushing your teeth before going to bed.

It all seems glamorous and thrilling at first for Pettyfer's character, Adam, who becomes known as The Kid. A 19-year-old neophyte in this neon-colored world, he serves as our wide-eyed guide once the more estab-



Movie Review

'Magic Mike'

Rating: R (pervasive sexual content, brief graphic nudity, language and some drug use)

Running time: 110 minutes

Review: ★★★ (of 4)

lished Mike (Tatum) recruits him to be a dancer at the Club Xquisite male revue. Comparisons to "Boogie Nights," both for the structure and the sexual subject matter, are inevitable. But Soderbergh, who also shot and edited the film under his usual pseudonyms, intentionally avoids the kind of high style and histrionics that marked Paul Thomas Anderson's lurid look at the porn industry in the '70s.

A more apt point of comparison would be the original "Sex & the City" movie; it'll have a similar appeal for straight women and gay men in equal measure. This is a movie that's tailor-made for groups of friends to get together and giggle and ogle at the spectacle of it all. And

it is a lot of fun — there's no shame, we're all friends here — but it's also more substantial than you might expect, and more mundane.

Tatum, who's also a producer on the film, understands the allure of this lifestyle: He lived it when he was The Kid's age, briefly working as a male stripper before breaking into acting, and "Magic Mike" is kind-sorta inspired by that time. Anyone who's seen "Step Up," the 2006 movie that put him on the map, knows what a gifted dancer he is. But here, he's just mesmerizing: confident, creative, acrobatic and, above all, seductive. 'Cause that's the whole point.

"Magic Mike" follows one long booze-infused summer as Mike, The Kid and their co-stars work the ladies while their boss, stripper-turned-club-owner Dallas (McConaughey), makes plans to expand to Miami. This is an excellent fit for McConaughey.

Also showing an intriguing presence is newcomer Cody Horn as The Kid's older sister, Brooke, who lets him sleep on her couch and tries in vain to help him find a real job. She has a strong but laid-back presence, and she remains the no-nonsense voice of reason when The Kid's hard-partying tendencies start spinning out of control.

Yes, "Magic Mike" is a bit

of a formulaic cautionary tale about the perils of having too much, too soon. And the character who's the catalyst for The Kid's inevitable downfall, played by Riley Keough, is barely introduced and never feels fleshed out enough as a legitimate threat.

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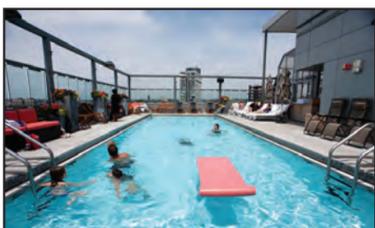
3 HOT IDEAS IN 5 SIZZLING VARIETIES

This time of year, summer travel is at the forefront of people's thoughts — but the planning itself can be a headache. Looking to kick start the process? Take a look at the Oyster.com editors' top picks for where to go and what to bring, and get inspired! — *Oyster.com Staff*

5 PRETTY POOLS



1. Mondrian South Beach (Miami)



2. Hotel Gansevoort (New York City)



3. St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort (Orange County, Calif.)



4. The Joule, A Luxury Collection Hotel (Dallas)



5. Market Pavilion Hotel (Charleston, S.C.)

5 SIZZLING GETAWAY IDEAS



1. NAPA: Napa, Calif., is best known for its wine tasting and romantic, sprawling vineyards, but its top-notch spas and incredible dining shouldn't be overlooked. One of the country's top restaurants, French Laundry, by famed chef Thomas Keller, is located here.

Hotel Splurge: The 5-pearl Calistoga Ranch (above), an Auberge Resort in Napa Valley has gorgeous, romantic rooms complete with working fireplaces, private Jacuzzis, and outdoor rain showers.

Hotel Steal: The EuroSpa & Inn in Calistoga has free Wi-Fi, amazing views from the pool and hot tub, and spacious units furnished with wet bars and microwaves. Plus, breakfast is on



the house.
2. CAPE COD: This peninsula off of northeastern Massachusetts is a storied summer vacation spot — for a reason. Its sand dunes, quaint fishing towns, old lighthouses and rich colonial history (Provincetown is where the pilgrims first landed) make it an idyllic seaside destination.

Hotel Splurge: Nestled near the heart of Chatham on 25 scenic acres overlooking Pleasant Bay, Chatham Bars Inn (above) has been a local staple since 1914. Don't let the term "inn" fool you, this property is big and amenities-packed, with a beautiful spa, modern fitness center, scenic beach, fine dining, private chartered boats and classic clay tennis courts.

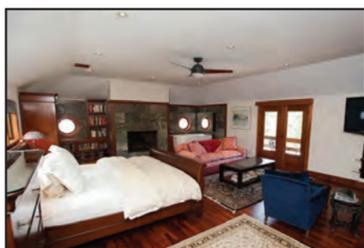
Hotel Steal: The quaint B&B Snug Cottage is one of the best deals in Provincetown, with eight rustic, cozy rooms, free afternoon treats such as lemonade and cookies, and a can't-be-beat location.



3. SAN JUAN ISLANDS: The islands in this archipelago off the coast of Seattle are postcard perfect, with dense forests, rocky beaches and impressive wildlife — visitors can spot Orca whales, bald eagles and seals. Outdoor activities include hiking, biking, kayaking and sailing.

Hotel Splurge: Lakedale Resort at Three Lakes (bottom, left) on San Juan Island is an 82-acre lakefront property with picnic spots and a range of accommodations — from camping to luxury lodge rooms. The lodge rooms have gas fireplaces, patios and Molton Brown toiletries.

Hotel Steal: The Outlook Inn on Orcas Island is aptly named: The hotel has stunning views of Eastsound from almost anywhere you stand. This property is the only full-service hotel in Eastsound and its romantic ambiance, on-site chapel and excellent food from the New Leaf Café make it a popular spot for wedding parties.



4. THE HAMPTONS: This string of beach towns on the South Fork of Long Island, N.Y., is famous for its moneyed residents and glamorous party scene, but visitors can also find laid-back surfing towns, quaint villages, a range of outdoor activities and, of course, beautiful beaches.

Hotel Splurge: The elegant East Hampton Art House Bed & Breakfast (above) is, as its name suggests, a house full of art. It has only four rooms, but the amenities of a larger property, including a lovely outdoor pool and a fitness center.

Hotel Steal: Prices at Sea Crest on the Ocean are among the least expensive in the Hamptons, especially considering the location steps from the beach. This two-level condo property between Amagansett and Montauk offers multi-



bedroom units with kitchens.

5. FLORIDA PANHANDLE: The Florida Panhandle is laid-back and family-friendly, and its miles of white-sand beaches, beautiful state parks, historic sites and great fishing attract millions of visitors every year.

Hotel Splurge: The Margaritaville Beach Hotel in Pensacola, right on a beautiful stretch of sandy coastline, offers sweeping views of the Gulf of Mexico from the sleek outdoor pool. Rooms are sophisticated, clean and airy with huge balconies, flat-screen TVs and free Internet.

Hotel Steal: The Carillon Beach Inn in Panama City Beach is a 70-room, all-suite property with modern furnishings and sharp decor located on Lake Carillon in a sprawling, village-like resort complex. While the location doesn't offer direct beach access, the sand is less than a five-minute walk away and guests get access to the many amenities of the Carillon Beach resort community.

5 GREAT WATER SLIDES



1. The Tank Slide at the Golden Nugget (Las Vegas): As the most elaborate slide of the bunch, the Tank Slide offers up an adrenaline-pumping experience thanks to its winding path through a 200,000-gallon tank aquarium that's filled with sharks. And despite being off Vegas's main strip, the Golden Nugget has plenty of entertainment at a fraction of other hotels' prices.



2. The Water Parks at the Nickelodeon Suites Resort (Orlando, Fla.): Two over-the-top water parks, tricked out in Nickelodeon's signature orange hue, are perfect for families looking to get wet and soak up the summer sun. Parents needn't worry about safety either, as the resort has several security measures including gated entries, security staff and guest-identifying wristbands.



3. The Water Slide at Disney Port Orleans Resort Riverside (Disney World): Beautiful grounds and riverfront scenery make the Port Orleans a top pick for families looking to save at the otherwise pricey Disney World. The typical perks of staying within Disney (like extended hours at the various amusement parks) and the hotel's oversize pool complex with ropes course, playground and, of course, slide are all fun extras at this value pick.



4. Blue Monster Waterslide at the Doral Golf Resort and Spa (Coral Gables, Fla.): With a name like Blue Monster, how could this slide not be awesome? Even though it's named after the eponymous on-site golf course, this 125-foot slide gives kids of any age a thrill. The Doral Resort, recently purchased by the Trump group, also has a serene spa and ample-sized rooms, and is within reasonable driving distance of Miami's city center.



5. Waterslide at the San Luis Conference Center and Spa (Galveston, Texas): This 16-story, 30-acre resort is located across the street from the beach on Galveston Island. For families, there's a kids' club and free-form pool with fun waterslide that shoots guests into a smaller heated pool. For adults, there's a swim-up bar, secluded grotto Jacuzzi overlooking the water, and a 21-plus lounge offering poker, darts and billiards.

OYSTER STAFF PICKS: 5 SUMMER ESSENTIALS



1. "I carry my Kindle with me everywhere — and this includes the beach and the pool. Having a waterproof case for it has proven essential for me.

There are also great options for iPads, Androids, and any other device that needs protection." — *Kelsey Blodget, editorial director (TrendyDigital WaterGuard Plus Waterproof Case for Kindle, \$20; amazon.com)*

2. "As a music junkie, I like to have my tunes ready to play on the go. This boom box is battery-operated, equipped with FM radio, and is iPhone-ready, doubling as a charger if plugged into the wall. And how cute is the retro design?" — *Rachel*



Jacoby, senior editor (iHome iPAZ Portable FM Stereo Boombox for iPhone in Pink, \$198; amazon.com)

3. "Love the Camelbak — it proved indispensable while hiking through Zion National Park last summer! It holds the standard two liters for a day of hiking and has convenient storage pockets for power bars, keys and other small necessities." — *Devon Antonetti, editorial intern (CamelBak Aurora Hydration Pack 70 fl. oz., \$65; rei.com)*

4. "Keep yourself and your favorite drink cool with this cold-cup kit from Starbucks. The reusable straw is super eco-friendly and the domed lid allows for a large dollop of

whipped cream on top of any beverage." — *Ariel Charytan, co-founder and chief creative officer (Starbucks Cold Cup Kit 16 oz., \$14; starbucks store.com)*

5. "Go-Toob's soft bottles are perfect for toting toiletries on any trip. There are many different sizes available, plus the large opening makes each tube easy to fill and clean." — *Elie Seidman, co-founder and chief executive officer (GoToob 3 oz. 3 pack, \$20; ebags.com)*

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